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GRAND XMAS RAFFLE—A free ticket to each purchaser of 5 c. entitles holder to a chance for a lady's gold watch. A diamond pin for lowest prize. Inspect our Xmas goods D. J. Kinarny, corner Quadra and Johnson. dc.1

THIS is to certify that Madame Lapearl is in no way connected with "St. Catherine's Home for Old Ladies." All donations will be kindly received as before, by Mrs. McDonald, matron. dc21

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ROUNDING UP ON TARTE

The "Master of the Administration" Dealt With by the Chief Liberal Organ.

Worst Elements of the Mercier Regime Now to the Fore in Quebec.

A Dark Episode Between Two French Leaders Revealed Through a Stolen Letter.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Globe's Montreal correspondent thus discusses Quebec federal politics: "Though Mr. Tarte made light of it at Levis on Friday, there is a crisis in the Liberal party with which all lovers of good government should be made acquainted. Loyalty to party has kept silent many Liberals who know what is behind the Langelier episode, but their loyalty has been abused to such an extent that it is time to raise the edge of the curtain. The fact is that some of the worst elements in the Mercier regime are coming to the surface and the matter is one in which the whole country is interested. The notorious Baie des Chaleurs railway, or its more high sounding successor, the Atlantic & Lake Superior railway is again the central phase of the fight."

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Tarte was interviewed respecting the famous letter written to him by Sir Adolphe Chapleau, which has passed into the hands of Camille Piche, president of La Club National, who declares he submitted it to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Tarte said: "The letter in question was stolen from my secretary, Mr. Gelinas. The present owners are attempting to use it, but dare not publish its contents, because a paragraph has reference to certain relations between Sir Wilfrid and Governor Chapleau." Mr. Tarte leaves for Ottawa to-night.

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ALGER'S RELIEF PLANS.

The Reindeer Host Which He Would Have Driven Into the Klondyke.

Canadian Government to Be Asked to Waive Duties and Admit Military Escort.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—During the executive session of the senate on Saturday the conference report upon the bill providing relief for the Klondyke miners was received and adopted. The bill appropriates $200,000 to be expended under the secretary of war for the purchase of supplies for the relief of the people in the Yukon River country or the mining regions of Alaska, and for the transporting and distributing of such supplies, provided that if the consent of the Canadian government be obtained the secretary of war may send relief into Canadian territory. The resolution further provides that the supplies may be sold in the region as such price as may be fixed by the secretary of war, or donated to those who are unable to pay for them. The secretary of war is authorized to use the United States army in carrying into effect the provisions of the act, and to import reindeer and reindeer drivers for the transporting of supplies and to adopt such other provisions as are practicable.

Secretary Alger is giving much study to the getting in supplies to the miners in the Yukon country, and has decided to ask bids for the delivery of stores directly at Dyea, Skagway or Chilkat. Secretary Alger's estimate now is that no less than 3,000,000 (?) pounds of foodstuffs will be required for the expedition. It is estimated that a reindeer cannot be guided safely with more than 300 pounds, so that no less than 1,000 of these animals would be required as a pack train if they were the sole reliance. It will be necessary to obtain a permit from the Canadian government for a military expedition to pass and also to secure a remission of duties on the supplies that are to be carried in, and General Alger may go to Ottawa to secure it.

It is probable that Captain David Brainard of the subsistence department of the army will be placed in charge of the relief party. Capt. Brainard, accompanied General Greeley on his Arctic explorations and it was largely owing to his heroism that a small remnant of the party was enabled to prolong life until succor arrived. Brainard also held the honor until Nansen's feat, of having made the point farthest North ever reached.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The C. P.R. has arranged for the shipment of three cars of dogs to the Klondyke to transport provisions. Some are from Labrador; others from Belgium.

OGILVIE SAYS MEN CARRIERS.

In His Opinion the Supplies Can Be Taken In No Other Way.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Joe Ladue, of Klondyke renown, and Smith M. Weed, one of the promoters of the Ladue mining company, were here to-day on business with the interior department, in reference to the title of Ladue's townsite at Dawson City. Ladue had a talk with Surveyor Ogilvie over the proposed relief expedition which is to be sent out by the United States government. Ladue has recommended General Alger to send the expedition by the Dalton trail. Mr. Ogilvie think snow locomatives will not be effective, and believes that the supplies can only be taken over the passes by men carriers.

MADE A PRISONER.

A Sergeant of the Scots Fusiliers in the Hands of the Enemy.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.—According to advices from the front, Sergeant Walker, of the Scots Fusiliers, is a prisoner in the hands of Sipah Afridis. Efforts are being made to obtain his release.

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THIRTEEN SAVED!

Two of the "Cleveland" Boats Make Land.

EXPOSURE AND HUNGER

Cause One Seaman to Die a Raving Maniac.

Faint Hope Now for the Second Officer's Party—The Survivors' Terrible Experience and Miraculous Escape.

The rescue cruise of the Dominion steamer Quadra, undertaken, as such expeditions should be without a moment's delay upon receipt of the news of the Cleveland's distress, has already justified in results the prompt action taken. On board the cutter, and recovering as quickly as might be expected from their awful sufferings of the past week, are thirteen of those who sailed from San Francisco on the Cleveland, and who formed the crews of the First and Third Officers' boats when the order to abandon ship was given.

Third Officer Melvin and his companions were first recovered, a message from Rev. Father Brabant being received by the Quadra while she was at Eucluelet, informing Captain Walbran that this boat's crew had reached Hesquoit, where they were taken on board the government steamer on Friday last. First Officer Durfee and his men were picked up the following day, at Rafael Point, fifteen miles distant, and the complete list of the survivors in these two boats is now given as hereunder:

S B. Durfee, first officer.
Harry Melvin, third officer.
R. P. O'Neill, first assistant engineer.
E. Thomas, second assistant engineer.
Robert Isbister, carpenter.
Peter Marin, seaman.
Thomas McColl, seaman.
Alfred Falkner, seaman.
John Harmon, fireman.
David Crawley, fireman.
C. H. Packer, pantryman.
Frank Gerthan, passenger.
Wm. Dietrick, passenger.

George Carillo, one of the men in the steward's department, died in the First Officer's boat on Wednesday, December 15, and was buried at sea. No word has been had of Second Officer Henderson's boat, or any of those in it. They are now given up as lost, and are as named below:

Second Officer L. F. B. Henderson, a native of Christiana, Norway, aged 29 years.

Steward Munroe, a native of Florida, aged 38; has his home in San Francisco.

Cook Walter Davis, aged 40 years; a native of Scotland, where he has his home.

Fireman John Gallagher, a native of Scotland, aged 52; has a wife and family living in San Francisco.

Firemen Hendrick Danielson, a Norwegian by birth; aged 39 years.

Seaman Bert Larsen, Norwegian; 23 years of age.

Seaman John Foster, Greek; 35 years of age.

Seaman Alikel Kohnig, Russian; 27 years of age.

WHITBECK TELLS THE STORY.

Of the Finding of the Missing Men and the Present Condition of the Steamer.

In a telegram to a member of the COLONIST staff on Sunday evening, Purser J. W. Whitbeck gives the following account of the rescue of the two recovered boats, and the present condition of the vessel. His despatch was sent from Alberni to which place the Quadra had returned in order to secure medical aid for the distressed seamen:

"There is rejoicing, tempered with sadness, on board the Quadra—rejoicing, because thirteen of our ship's family have been given back by the sea; sadness, because eight of those who, with us, sailed from San Francisco two weeks ago are lost beyond further hope.

"Leaving the scene of the wreck at noon on Friday, the Quadra, later in the same day, found the third officer's boat at Hesquoit—with Harry Melvin and his companions well cared for and fast recovering their strength at the home of the good priest, Father Brabant. They are Harry Melvin, Second Assistant Engineer Thomas, Seaman Peter Marin,

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TAKING CHINESE PORTS

European Capital Agitated Over the Reported Covetous Designs of Several Powers.

The British Fleet to Take Up Winter Quarters Near the Centre of Activity.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The officials of the Chinese embassy here do not share in the belief that the powers are intending to seize Chinese ports, and they discredit the report that Great Britain has been requested to assume a protectorate over the Yang Tse valley and the West river, saying they have no information on the subject, and would know if the rumor was true.

Sir Halliday Macartney, the English secretary of the Chinese embassy, was asked to-day if Russia's possession of Port Arthur would be temporary, and he replied that this plea was usually made a pretext for occupation.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai says the report that Russia has seized Port Arthur is entirely untrue.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 20.—Russia has notified Japan of the temporary occupation of Port Arthur and a large Japanese squadaon has left Nagasaki.

The Paris correspondent of the Cologne Gazette had telegraphed his paper that the alleged Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British ship Daphne a week ago, when, in spite of the protests of the Chinese, the Daphne entered the inner harbor ostensibly to ascertain whether Russian ships were there. China complained of the incident to the representatives of the powers in Pekin.

An unconfirmed report is current here that part of the British far eastern squadron will be stationed at Wei-Hai-Wei this winter. If true this indicates that Great Britain is working with Japan. The latter still occupies Wei-Hai-Wei pending the payment of the Chinese indemnity.

The evening newspapers are much disturbed over the situation. "What do we get?" is the burden of their complaint. They all insist on the necessity of immediate action.

The Globe says: "Russin and Germany now have the two most important strategical positions in Northern China, and Great Britain, whose commercial interests are greater, must be content with the crumbs from St. Petersburg and Berlin tables,"

The Pall Mail Gazette, in reply to the Standard's inquiry as to America's attitude, remarks: "Every naval state in the world is concerned in the disturbance of the equilibrium in the far East. Great Britain, France and Japan especially, but the United States cannot be treated as a quantity and be ignored. The tame acquiescence with these seizures is not worthy our past and fatal to our future. We may remark, we shall not be without sympathizers, as the Japanese will most joyfully back any scheme to redress to bitter humiliation they suffered at the hands of Russia."

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The rumor is current the British East Asiatic squadron has been ordered to sail for Quelphert island, at the entrance of the Yellow sea, presumably to occupy it. The tone of the German press is favorable to some such action on the part of Great Britain—Quelphert island, which is sixty miles south of Korea and has been used as a penal settlement, being subordinate to Korea.

BEFORE THE PRESIDENT.

The Sealing Bill Receiving His Attention and Likely to Become Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—General John W. Foster had a brief interview with the President concerning the pelagic sealing bill. Representative Johnson, of North Dakota, urged the President not to sign the sealing bill, maintaining that as diplomatic negotiations between the United States and Canada with reference to the sealing controversy had been practically terminated, the bill would avail nothing in furthering the negotiations and would be an injustice to the sealers of the United States. The President gave no expression of his intentions, but it is expected that he will sign the bill in a few days.

CUBAN OFFICERS STUBBORN.

Encouraged by Spain's Offer of Autonomy They Stand for Absolute Independence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Copies of the statement signed by the officers of the Fourth Army corps of the Cuban army, operating in the department of the Las Villas, renewing allegiance to the Cuban cause and forswearing autonomy, were received in this city to-day. This action by the officers of the Las Villas department makes the opposition to autonomy practically unanimous among the Cuban officers.

The statement says in part: "We are convinced that the promulgation of reforms is a weakness on the part of Spain, and in itself a triumph for our arms. Our fighting attitude will remain just as it is to-day until our country is made free. We will accept no other settlement than that based upon absolute independence, which must be agreed with our government and the assembly of representatives."

Mr. Odlum Returning.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Prof. E. Odlum, agent for the British Columbia government in Great Britain, was in the city to-day on his way West. He says that people generally over there are beginning to be awakened to the vast resources and splendid possibilities of Western Canada.

French Paper Suspends.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—(Special)—La Minerve, a French morning newspaper, which has been published continuously for 44 years, has suspended publication on account of lack of funds.

Lett's Diaries for 1898 at Hibben & Co's.

MORE POLICE FOR YUKON.

Two Hundred and Fifty to Be Stationed There—A Preference for Good Canadian Whiskey.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Globe prints a letter from Dufferin Patullo, secretary to Major Walsh, dispatched from White Rapids on November 8. The letter gives details of the trip from Bennett, and also announces two regulations by Major Walsh—one that no man will be allowed to pass the Tagish post without full six months' provisions, which will in all probabity save many lives; the second is an increase of the duty on whiskey from 50 cents to $2 per gallon, the liquor to be brought in only in bulk, in case or in barrel, and only the best standard Canadian brands to be allowed to pass at all.

The Globe announces that the force of police in the Yukon will be increased from 90 to 250, of which 100 will be stationed at Dawson, the balance at Selkirk, Tagish, the Dalton trail and one or two other points. The first detachment of thirty will be sent up at New Year's, the others following rapidly thereafter. Fifty dogs will also be sent up, making 130 in all which the government will then have in the Yukon. The additional police will be taken largely from the Regina district. It is hinted that the police may be withdrawn altogether from Regina, and the military system extended to meet the situation.

MAIL FOR THE YUKON.

A Trip Via the Stickeen to Be Made Shortly—Requested Aid for Wagon Road.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The Postmaster General has authorized a trip to be made with mail matter from Victoria to several places on the Stickeen route, as far north from Fort Wrangel or Lake Teslin. The carrier will leave Victoria about January 5, and the mail will be confined to letters, the nature of route precluding the conveyance of bulky matter.

J. T. Bethune, of Victoria, is here seeing the government with a view to getting assistance for the Klondyke Mining Trading and Transportation Company to build a wagon road by the Stickeen route to the Yukon.

EXPORT OF LOGS FORBIDDEN.

Ontario's Important Decision With Respect to Crown Timber Limits.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Undoubtedly the leading event of to-day in Eastern Canada was the announcement this afternoon in the Ontario legislature by commissioner of crown lands Gibson, of the new policy of the provincial government with reference to timber limits.

The government has yielded to the pressure of the large majority of lumbermen and of overwhelming public opinion, and has decided to put what will be termed a manufacturing clause in the timber regulations, the effect of which will be to compel the sawing within the province of all logs taken from crown timber lands. This legislation will certainly cause considerable comment in the United States and probably some excitement.

CANADIAN POSTAL NOTES.

A New System to Replace the Post Office Money Orders.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The postmaster-general has decided to adopt the system of issuing postal notes which has been in existence in Great Britain for some years, and it will go into effect on the 1st of July. Paper notes about the size of a bank bill will be printed of the following denominations: 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90 cents; $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3, $4 and $5. The cost of obtaining these notes will be 1 cent each up to 40 cents, 2 cents between that figure and $2.50, and 3 cents each for all above that. The postal notes will replace post office money orders for the transmission of all small sums through the post. It is expected that the rate fixed will give small profits.

COWICHAN EVENTS.

Creamery Preparing to Extend Operations—Association Junior Football.

DUNCAN, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Judge Harrison held the annual court of revision and appeal under the assessment acts at the court house on Saturday. There were but few appeals and none of special interest.

The Cowichan Creamery Association held its adjourned general meeting at the Agricultural hall on Saturday afternoon. Mr. G. J. Cortield in the chair. By the principal motion it was resolved unanimously to apply to the provincial government for a loan of $1,200 for the purchase of an additional separator, erection of cold storage and other improvements.

A match for the Association football junior cup was played at Duncan on Saturday between the Northfield Violets and Cowichan. Cowichan pulled off the event by 4 goals to 2.

MAN VS. HORSE.

Prof. O. R. Gleason Gives His Final and Greatest Exhibition of Horse Training To-night.

At the city market this evening Prof. O. R. Gleason will exhibit his wonderful powers in subduing wild and ferocious horses, giving as an introduction what will be his most daring attempt at horse training. The name "Thunderbolt" is quite appropriate for his first subject, and suggestive of what may be expected to take place. The hall will be well heated and as there is considerable expense in connection with this performance the admission is 50 cents to any part of the hall.

Prof. Gleason has received the following telegram which tells the story of what may to-night be looked for:

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Dec. 20, 1897.

PROF. O. R. GLEASON,
Oriental,
Victoria.

Shall ship the Canadian Thunderbolt, Siwash Mare and four other vicious horses on the steamer Louise for Victoria this morning. Have your men meet me to help unload them upon arrival, and prepare yourself for a hard fight with the horses Thunderbolt and Siwash Mare as they are fighters. JAMES RICHARDSON.

MR. BYRON H. WEST, always an entaining speaker, addressed the Y.P.U. of Emmanuel Baptist church last evening, on "The schools I have known and what I have learned from them."

HOCK TAW'S TRIAL.

He Has to Defend Himself From the Charge of Forging Yee Gee's Name.

The Speedy trial of Hock Taw, who is accused of forging the name of Yee Gee, another Chinaman to a couple of letters supposed to have been picked up on the Kingston wharf here began yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake. The case has attracted unusual attention on the Washington side of the line as the letters intimated that there was extensive smuggling of Chinamen from British Columbia across the Sound and connected the name of Mr. J. C. Saunders, formerly collector of customs at Port Townsend with the scheme. Yee Gee who was interpreter for the customs at Townsend repudiated the letters as forgeries and Hock Taw is now standing his trial on the accusation. The Crown was represented by Mr. A. G. Smith, deputy attorney-general, and Mr. George E. Powell; while Mr. Thornton Fell and Mr. H. G. Hall appeared for the defence.

The opening portion of the evidence was largely like that given at the preliminary hearing, and was not particularly sensational.

After Yee Gee had sworn that the letters were forgeries, Mr. R. W. Jennings, a member of the Port Townsend bar, was called to show that, according to the United States law, the letters insinuated a very grave criminal charge against Mr. Saunders' character. Mr. J. C. Saunders came next, to show that he had suffered in his feelings and in his business by the insinuations in the alleged forgeries, and that in consequence of the letters there had been a small run on the Commercial bank of Port Townsend of which he was president.

See Dor and a couple of other Chinamen were called to produce letters which they had seen Hock Taw write, and then Lim Gee Wong was put in the box as an expert to prove that these genuine letters were written by the same hand as were the forged ones. The case goes on again this morning.

PERSONAL.

L. A. Lewis, of New Westminster, is in town.

James Dunsmuir has returned from a visit to the mainland.

J. H. Todd left on the City of Puebla last evening for San Francisco.

F. McCann, of Ottawa, Ont., is enjoying the hospitalities of the Victoria.

Mrs. E. J. Palmer returned yesterday from a visit to friends over the Sound.

T. E. and Mrs. Ladner left yesterday for San Francisco, where they spend the winter.

Dr. I. W. Powell arrived home for Christmas by the Mainland steamer on Sunday evening.

J. E. Clifton, representative of the Standard Oil Company at Tacoma, is at the New England.

W. A. Dier and A. A. Davidson are home from an inspection of their mining property at Fairview.

City Attorney R. W. Jennings, of Port Townsend, is spending a few days at the New England.

Steve Tingley, of Ashcroft, is spending a few days in the Capital, and registered at the Hotel Driard.

Thomas Ellis, the Okanagan cattle king, is in the city. He returns to Penticton before the holidays.

Malcoln McPhie, superintendent of the Oceanic Packing Company, is registered at the Hotel Wilson.

Joshua Holland, of Munn, Holland & Co., came over from the Sound by the morning steamer yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Creighton, of New Westminster, is enjoying a visit with Victoeia relatives and friends.

Morris Gutmann and J. J. Shallcross were passengers to Victoria by the incoming Kingston yesterday.

Miss Annie Blackwood, of Portland, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blackwood, of this city.

Manager George Gillespie, of the Bank of British Columbia, returned yesterday morning from a visit to Puget Sound.

P. B. Wallace, a well-known leather and findings merchant of Toronto, is paying British Columbia's capital a business visit.

Arthur and Mrs. Malins, of New Westminster, passed through Victoria yesterday on their way to California on a fortnight's visit.

Edward and Mrs. Kelly, of San Francisco, are spending a week in Victoria, and enjoying the hospitality of the Hotel Victoria.

Mrs. R. Kenny, of Union, is spending the Christmas vacation as a guest at the home of Mrs. D. McLachlan, St. Louis street.

Geoge McL. Brown, executive agent of the C.P.R., with headquarters in Vancouver, is over on business, and a guest at the Driard.

Captain F. P. Armstrong, of Golden, who leaves shortly to build a steamer for the Klondyke trade at Teslin lake, is again in the city.

J. A. Collins, the Kelowna tobacco grower, who is certainly the pioneer of this industry in British Columbia, is paying Victoria a visit.

H. Hirschell-Cohen returned to Victoria yesterday morning, from a business trip to England in connection with the Cassiar Central railway.

Charles Rattray and Mrs. Rattray were among the Victorians arriving home yesterday as passengers on the direct steamer from California.

C. A. Godden and J. G. Elliott are back from business visits to the provincial mainland. Mrs. Elliott accompanied her husband on his trip.

J. K. and Mrs. McKenzie, who have been spending their honeymoon at the Hotel Victoria, left by the Charmer this morning for Vancouver, where they will reside.

J. W. Laing, M.A., with Mrs. Laing left last evening by the direct steamer for California, where they will spend their honeymoon, and where incidentally Mr. Laing will deliver a series of lectures.

A large assortment of Dutton's beautiful calendars for sale by Hibben Co's.x

THE production of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Carson City, by means of Edison's marvellous invention, the vitascope, also called indiscriminately the kinetescope, cinematograph, bioscope et al., at she Delmonico theatre last evening, drew a crowded house. The famous mill was given round by round as fought, and with a thrilling realistic effect. The pictures were apparently taken on a cloudy day for at times they are a little indistinct, but the show is in every respect worth seeing and will prove a treat to any one who takes an interest in the noble art of self defence. The final act in which Fitzsimmons deals his opponent the much talked of knock out blow, proves a fitting finale to a most exciting exhibition. The vitascope will continue all the week.

THE "Babes in the Wood," a most amusing burlesque extravaganza, derived partly from the ballad and partly from the drama and very considerably from original sources, by H. J. Byron—will be given in the A. O. U. W. hall, on Thursday, January 6, under the auspices of the Willing Workers of Christ Church cathedral. As this piece has been in rehearsal for some months by talented amateurs it will undoubtedly be a great success.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip maintain and operate, by any kind or kinds of motive power, either a standard or narrow-gauge railway, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and merchandise from Teslin Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, in a southerly direction to some point on the Pacific coast or inlets thereof, in the said Province; with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, wharves, ferries, wharves, docks, elevators and railway stations in connection therewith, and generally to carry on the business of transportation; to erect maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and any branches thereof; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes aforesaid; to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over the said railway or any of its branches; together with all such other powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., the 8th day of December, 1897.

H. E. A. ROBERTSON,
8 Bastion Square, Victoria, B.C.,
de-10 Solicitor for the applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing a railway from some point on the Skeena River, in the Province of British Columbia to some point at or near the eastern boundary of the Province, with power to build branch lines to be operated by any known motive power to any mining or farming regions practicable in connection with the said railway; to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway or any part thereof; to construct elevators, build wharves, docks, warehouses, smelters, refineries, concentrators, stamp mills, etc.; to carry on a general mining and transportation business; to build construct, acquire, and operate ships, steamships, barges or other water craft; to appropriate or otherwise acquire water power, rights and privileges.

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On the day of his public reception in Virginia he rode in an open carriage without his hat, exposed to the rays of a brilliant sun, bowing to the crowds always ready to greet him. There was some apprehension that sunstroke might be the penalty of his politeness, but the marquis was an old soldier. Before leaving home he had put a damp towel into his capacious wig and, protected by his helmet, he could indulge his French politeness with impunity. French and American revolutions and Austrian dungeons had taught him the art of self preservation.

The most charming story is of earlier date—his visit to the mother of Washington. He found her in the garden, raking together dried weeds and sticks, preparatory to a bonfire, arrayed in a linsey skirt, sack and broad brimmed hat tied over the plaited border of her cap.

The hostess met the situation with the composure of a duchess. Dropping her rake, she took between her bare palms the hand the nobleman extended as he bowed before her and said:

"Ah, marquis! You have come to see an old woman! I can make you welcome without changing my dress. I am glad to see you. I have often heard my son George speak of you. But come in."

Preceding him into her living room, she placed herself opposite him, erect as a girl of 18, never touching the tall, straight back of her chair, while she listened to the praises of her son poured forth by the eloquent Frenchman.

Then she mixed with her own hands a cooling drink and offered it to the general with a plate of homemade ginger cakes. The man of the world accepted the beverage as simply and gracefully as it was tendered, pronounced it delicious and arose to go. Would she give him her blessing?

She looked up to heaven, folded her hands and prayed that God would grant him "safety, happiness, prosperity and peace."—Youth's Companion.

HONESTY THE BEST POLICY.

If You Are Dead Broke, Own Up Like an Honest Man.

Dead broke is not an accurate term. It is relative. A millionaire considers himself dead broke when he finds that he has only a V in his pocket. Men of less means think they are dead broke when they can find but a quarter or a half in their pockets. But with the mass of people who haven't very much, even when at their best, dead broke means that condition in which a man finds himself without a nickel in his pockets. Pennies don't cut any ice. Even three or four of them won't pay a car fare, and when a man hasn't car fare the walk to Cumminsville at midnight seems long—awfully long.

"That's what ailed me the other night," said a resident of that suburb. "I didn't have a nickel to my name—not a nick. So I tried to work the conductor. When he struck me, I felt in my pockets, first one, then the other and then looked dazed.

"'I had a nickel,' I said, 'but blame me if I know where it is.'

"'Too thin, old man,' said the heartless man in blue. 'You'll have to walk a little just for change as you haven't got it.' Think of a man getting off a joke like that.

"I walked, but not far. Tried another conductor with the same racket. Didn't work. He was heartless also. I knew I'd get home if the cars kept coming, but the last car would be due soon. Then I thought of the old motto, 'Honesty is the best policy.' I'll try it on.

"I got on the car and held up my head. When the man with the badge came along, I said:

"'I'm dead broke, old man. Let me take a sneak home, will you?'

"That worked to a charm. He was the best conductor I ever saw. He knew I was telling the truth. The others thought I was lying, and I was, but not in the way they thought. All he said was:

"'All right, old fellow. Don't give me away though.'

"'Not on your life,' I said. Then I curled up and slept the sleep of the just and the righteous. Hereafter I'm going to tell the truth, cost what it may."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Hell and London.

On the covers of a popular tract I find the quotation, "Hell is a city much like London." If this were so, I would cheerfully accept a sentence which should doom me to hell and would play my part as a citizen to the best of my power, for it would be a city full of pathos and humor, where much that is bad is mingled with all that is lovable, where the very fiends who are represented as tormenting the lost are really engaged in works of mercy and brotherly love; a city, above all, where justice and straightforwardness and manly effort never fail to make their influences felt.—"Rich and Poor," by Mrs. Bosanquet.

An Intererecting Deed.

The librarian of St. Paul's, London, has in his keeping very many interesting documents, among others a deed of gift from King Ethelbert of a farm in Kent, which he made over to St. Paul's at a time when the cathedral was but an insignificant structure of wood. The rent from the land is received to this day.

Novelist's Best Effort.

Novelist—Do you like tennis?

The old lady gives a perfunctory answer.

Novelist—The only tennis I like is Tennyson.—Woman.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

A Great Deal of Interest Taken in the Meetings by Up-Country Farmers—Richmond Organizes.

Mr. J. C. Anderson, accompanied by Mr. Paterson, has returned from the Mainland and reports that the programme of meetings arranged for the upper country and lower Fraser have been completed successfully, with the exception of Maple Ridge, which in consequence of delay in the train service could not be reached in time, and it was therefore arranged to hold meetings at Port Haney and Hammond, on dates to be arranged later.

Meetings were held at Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Kelowna, Armstrong, Enderby and Agassiz, but that advertised for Vernon failed for lack of attendance. This was compensated for, however, by the exceptionally good meetings at the other points in the institute district of Okanagan, that at Armstrong being the largest yet held. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed, and it is everywhere conceded that the farmers' institute act is a wise piece of legislation, and if the farmers choose to avail themselves of its provisions it cannot but result greatly to their benefit.

Secretaries, pro tem, were appointed in all the institute districts to perform the preliminary duties as provided by the act, and secretaries were appointed at all the meetings to co-operate with them. It is therefore expected that petitions will shortly be in from all the districts for the formation of institutes, after which the organization of the central institute will be proceeded with.

The organization of the Richmond Institute took place on Saturday last and was attended by a fair number of representative farmers of the institute district of Richmond and by Mr. J. R. Anderson, superintendent of institutes, and Mr. Thos. Cunningham, of Vancouver.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that inasmuch as the act provided that the annual meetings of institutes shall be held in the month of January when the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected; the officers which might be elected at this meeting could only hold office until the annual meeting and it might therefore be considered expedient to postpone the meeting until January when one election would suffice. He however left it in the hands of the meeting to decide.

Mr. Thomas Kidd, M P P., was then appointed chairman, and Mr. McBride secretary, and after the opening remarks of the chairman and a discussion, in which many of those present took part, it was decided that it would be in the best interests of the Institute that the organization should be proceeded with forthwith and the following officers were thereupon elected to act until the annual meeting:

President, Captain Stewart, Sea Island; vice-president, Mr. Thomas New, South Vancouver; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Robert McBride, Sea Island; directors, Mr. John Dinsmore and Mr. James Thompson, Richmond.

The meeting was then addressed by the newly elected officers and other members, and by request by Mr. Thomas Cunningham. The meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the officers as provided by the act.

Further meetings are arranged for Cedar at the agricultural hall on Monday, January 3, at 3 p.m.; Nanoose, at the Parsville school house, on Tuesday, January 4, at 3 p.m., and Alberni, on Wednesday, January 5, at 7 p.m. Meetings have yet to be arranged for Maple Ridge, Mayne Island, Salt Spring Island and Gabriola Island.

The organization meeting of the Delta institute is fixed for Saturday, January 8.

THE SMALL BOY'S LETTER.

He Has Not Forgotten His Promise to His Brother at the Orphans' Home.

There is a small boy living close to town who deserves to have his Christmas stocking filled to overflowing. Up to a short time ago he was one of the little inmates of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans Home, but one day a kind-hearted farmer offered to take the youngster and teach him how to earn his own living. So the boy is now on the farm and getting along famously, for by his own account he has already learned to milk "two cows and a half." He is a manly little chap and what is more he does not forget his promises, for he had told his younger brother at the home that he would buy him a sleigh with the first dollar he earned—and now he has sent the dollar to fulfil that promise. Judging from the letter the lad has found a very happy home and his thoughtfulness for his little brother shows plainly the good training which the children receive at the home. Here is the letter:

"VICTORIA, December 13, 1897.

"MY DEAR BROTHER: I thought it was time to write to you and I am getting along airight now and if you coming out to see me on Xmas you had better ask Mrs. Walker to let you come out to us and Write to me soon before Xmas and let know if you are coming out and there is a Dollar to buy a sleigh I said I wou'd let you get one and I can milk 2 cows and a half. Now we want you to come out thursday before Xmas and go back thursday after Xmas and What day is your Xmas tree and the Dollar is your Xmas present and send me a letter soon."

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE BY-LAW, 1897.

List of Lands and Improvements within the Corporation of the City of Victoria, to be sold for Taxes and Costs on the 29th day of December, 1897, at the City Hall, Victoria, at 12 o'clock, noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid.

Lot.	Block.	Section.	Lands and Improvements.	Assessed Owner.	Registered Owner.	Amount of Taxes for Year or Years ending Dec. 31, 1896, unpaid Nov. 24th, 1897.	Collector's Commission and Contingent expenses of sale.	Total Amount of Taxes and Costs.
Part 171	25		Land and Imp.	J. H. Seeley	Pt. W.C.S. Seeley, pt. W.C.S	$ 67 35	$ 9 43	76 78
Part 171	25		do do	Mrs. W. C. Seeley	Seeley & Emmanuel Baria,	69 00	9 66	78 66
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N part 466	13		do and Imp.	D. F. Adams	James Porter	108 75	15 22	123 97
E part 432	W		do do	Mrs. J. C. K. Greenwood	John K. Greenwood	44 25	6 19	50 44
E part 794	10		do do	Mrs. Mary Jamieson	Not registered	22 55	3 15	25 70
807	10		do	John Colbert	John Colbert and Joshua H. Warner	34 50	4 83	39 33
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S do do	44		do	W. J. Cline	do	10 00	1 40	11 40
1026	Z		do	J. Bigne	Not registered	39 76	5 56	45 32
1038	Z		do and Imp.	Mrs. Rose Wallace	James Wallace	16 50	2 31	18 81
1046	7		do	Shelton & Fleming	Frank Shelton and Lizzie Fleming	15 00	2 10	17 10
1128	33		do	B. H. John	Bedlington, H. John	16 50	2 31	18 81
1129	33		do and Imp.	do	do	24 75	3 45	28 20
1263	H		do do	John Turner	John Turner	255 00	35 70	290 70
13 of 1257	T		do do	Winnifred Gibson	Winnifred Gibson	31 50	4 41	35 91
1301	46		do do	J. C. Prevost	Andrew D. Laing	42 37	5 93	48 30
1302	46		do	do	do	41 25	5 77	47 02
1303	46		do and Imp.	do	do	43 88	6 14	50 02
1313	44		do	G. A. Keefer	Not registered	39 74	5 56	45 30
1314	44		do	do	do	39 74	5 56	45 30
E part 1631	32		do	Mrs. Ellen Turner	Ellen Turner	6 00	84	6 84
1632	32		do and Imp.	do	do	18 75	2 62	21 37
1633	32		do do	do	do	25 50	3 57	29 07
1634	32		do do	do	do	27 00	3 78	30 78
1637	32		do	do	do	16 50	2 31	18 18
5 of 1707-1711	60	(Map 220)	do	H. M. Dumbleton	Henry M. Dumbleton	21 00	2 94	23 94
6 of 1707-1711	60	do	do	do	do	21 00	2 94	23 94
N part 1746	60		do	A. J. Smith	Andrew J. Smith	27 00	3 78	30 78
7 of 1777-1791	61		do and Imp.	W. H. Flewin	Wm. Hy. Flewin	20 25	2 83	23 08
1867	63		do	Est. W. C. Seeley	Wm. C. S. Seeley	35 82	5 01	40 83
1872	63		do and Imp.	do	do	45 94	6 43	52 37
Part	3	Beckley Farm	do	R. R. Bayne	Richard R. Bayne	24 00	3 36	27 36
5	15-16	do	do	W. D. Morgan	Winslow D. Morgan	19 86	2 78	22 64
31	20	do	do and Imp.	Fred. McGraw	Frederick McGraw	18 99	2 66	21 65
W ½ 32	20	do	do	do	do	7 62	1 06	8 68
10	21	do	do and Imp.	W. H. Cowper	Wm. Hy. Cowper	51 00	7 14	58 14
11	21	do	do	do	do	48 00	6 72	54 72
12	21	do	do	do	do	55 50	7 77	63 27
6 of 7-9	22	do	do	T. Corsan	Thomas Corsan	11 25	1 57	12 82
2	1	Christ Ch. Tr. est.	do	W. H. Ellis	Wm. H. Ellis	24 00	3 36	27 36
11	1	do	do and Imp.	do	do	35 25	4 93	40 18
6	37	Fairfield Estate	do	J. E. Martin	James Douglas	4 50	63	5 13
22	37	do	do	Richard Robinson	do	4 12	57	4 69
10	4	19	do	Catherine J. John	Catherine J. John	3 00	42	3 42
	14	68 (Map 261)	do	Est. W. R. Clarke	Wm. R. Clarke	23 24	3 25	26 49
17	5a	68 & 74 (Map 260 a)	do	A. L. Belyea	Benjamin S. Oddy	2 40	33	2 73
25	5a	do	do	do	do	2 40	33	2 73
2	3	74	do	Mrs. Agnes Reid	Agnes Reid	4 87	68	5 55
3	3	74	do	do	do	3 38	47	3 85
35	5	74	do	Wm. Farmer	Euphemia Cline	4 05	56	4 61
37	5	74	do	Wm. Moore	do	3 38	47	3 85
36	5	74	do	Dr. L. N. McKechnie	do	3 37	47	3 84
38	5	74	do	do	do	4 05	56	4 61
N ½ 6	Regent's park.	74	do	J. J. Austin	John J. Austin	4 50	63	5 13
7	do do	74	do	do	do	16 50	2 31	18 81
8	do do	74	do	do	do	13 50	1 89	15 39
19	2-3	Fernwood Estate	do	E. G. Anderson	P. W. Patterson and Ed. G. Anderson	1 39	19	1 58
34	2-3	do	do and Imp.	J. H. Brownlee	Annie Hind	15 00	2 10	17 10
11	13 17 &c	do	do	H. Smith	William Wilson	3 75	52	4 27
Part	21-22	do	do and Imp.	P. S. Fenerty, et al	Sarsfield, Joseph, Kate, Anna and John Fenerty	300 99	42 13	343 12
Part	36	do	do do	do	do do	89 42	12 53	101 95
16	34	do	do do	John Colbert	Daniel R. Young	17 25	2 41	19 66
N ½ 3	58-59	do	do do	J. J. Austin	J. J. Austin	5 25	73	5 98
32	69	do	do	John Teague	John Teague	5 25	73	5 98
33	69	do	do	do	do	6 00	84	6 84
35	69	do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
37	69	do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
111	69	do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
18	45-48 &c	25	do	Chan Man Cheong	E. B. C. Hannington and Hy. Croft	2 70	38	3 08
74	do	25	do	W. H. Phillpot	Wm. H. Philpott	5 01	70	5 71
87	do	25	do	G. A. McBain	John D. Foreman	6 56	92	7 48
34	69-72	Spring Ridge	do and Imp.	C. Farrington	Christopher Farrington	7 50	1 05	8 55
43	69-72	do	do do	Mrs. M. R. Robbins	Clara O'Haggerty	9 00	1 26	10 26
8	Suburban	5-acre lots N ½ 7	do and Imp.	W. J. Cline	Walter J. Cline	21 00	2 94	23 94
34	do	do 8	do do	Thos. Tugwell	Thomas Tugwell	17 25	2 41	19 66
18	do	do 19	do	F. H. Curry	Frank H. Curry	5 40	75	6 15
W ½ 36	do	do 19	do	Mrs. John Smith	John Smith	2 70	38	3 08
W ½ 59	do	do 19	do	do	do	2 70	38	3 08
14	A	Finlayson Est	do and Imp.	Mrs. Kate Wilson	Joseph Wilson	25 50	3 57	29 07
8	B	do	do do	T. J. Dearberg	Thomas J. Dearberg	18 00	2 52	20 52
12	C	do	do	Tong Yue & Co.	Charles J. Mulkey	18 00	2 52	20 52
15	Q	Work Estate	do	N. P. Snowden	Northing P. Snowden	9 00	1 26	10 26
16	Q	do	do	do	do	10 50	1 47	11 97
17	1, 7, 8, 9	do (Map 162)	do	Loo Chong Shang & Chow Kai	Royal Agnew	33 73	4 72	38 45
96	7	Hillside Ext. IV	do	Donald Smith	Donald Smith	13 50	1 89	15 39
97	7	do IV	do and Imp.	do	do	17 25	2 41	19 66
128	9	do IV	do do	J. A. Grant	James A. Grant	14 25	1 99	16 24
161	10	do IV	do	James Jeffery	James Jeffrey	9 75	1 36	11 11
253	13	do C	do and Imp.	Mrs. L. Winnett	Lydia Winnett	7 50	1 05	8 55
255	13	do C	do do	do	do	7 50	1 05	8 55
6 of 3	7-9	Saanich Ext.	do	Sam Wai	Sam Wai	3 38	47	3 85
10 of 4	7-9	do	do	do	do	3 00	42	3 42
22 of 1	56-57 &c	29-30 Oaklands	do and Imp.	A. V. Wover	Emanuel Levy and Emmanuel J. Salmon	5 99	84	6 83
2 of 2	do	do do	do	G. P. Carter	Joshua Davies			
					Henry Moss	4 23	59	4 82
1 of 3	do	do do	do	F. J. Julift	do do	2 70	38	3 08
14 of 3	do	do do	do	do	do do	2 70	38	3 08
22 of 3	do	do do	do	Est. Geo. Fairbrother	do do	2 70	38	3 08
	10	do do	do	C. Farrington	Not registered	52 00	7 28	59 28
1	1-5	10 Victoria West	do	Thos. Henderson	Thos. Henderson	4 50	63	5 13
2	1-5	10 do	do	do	do	4 13	58	4 71
25	1-5	10 do	do	R. Kenny	Emanuel J. Salmon	3 37	47	3 84
37	1-5	10 do	do	Robt. Whittly	do	3 38	47	3 85
10	8-12	10 do	do	Thos. Turnbull	Thomas Turnbull	4 13	58	4 02
11	8-12	10 do	do	do	do	2 25	31	2 56
5	13-17	10 do	do	Thos. Henderson	Thomas Henderson	5 25	73	5 98
6	13-17	10 do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
25	F	31 do	do	Styles & Banfield	George Elvin	9 75	1 37	11 12
25a	F	31 do	do and Imp.	do do	do	7 50	1 05	8 55
19 of 101-4 &c.	N	31 do	do	Mrs. T. N. Butcher	Thomas N. Butcher	1 50	21	1 71
27 do	N	31 do	do	do	do	1 50	21	1 71
188	W	31 do	do and Imp.	T. W. Fletcher	Thomas W. Fletcher	4 88	68	5 56
183	X	31 do	do	Mrs. L. M. Boggs	Louisa M. Boggs	7 50	1 05	8 55
184	X	31 do	do and Imp.	do	do	25 50	3 57	29 07
8	Lime Bay	31 do	do	W. R. Jones	Wilfrid R. Jones	9 75	1 36	11 11
12	do	31 do	do and Imp.	do	do	9 75	1 36	11 11
15	1-6	32 do	do	M. Lefurgy	Beaumont Boggs	2 25	32	2 57
16	1-6	32 do	do	J. M. Morris	do	2 25	32	2 57
Pt. 3	11-12	32 do	do	Jno. Kinsman	Elbridge J. Christie	1 70	23	1 93
Pt. 4	11-12	32 do	do	do	do	1 33	19	1 52
8	18 19 &c	32 do	do and Imp.	McKay & Cannell	Kenneth Cannell and Alexander McKay	7 63	1 07	8 70

City Treasurer and Collector's Office,
City Hall, Victoria, B.C.
November 24th, 1897.

CHAS. KENT,
Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B.C.

ANY singers wishing to take part in the coming production of the comic opera "Geisha" are requested to send their names in at once to the musical conductor, Mr. F. Victor Austin, at his music studio, over Waitt's music store, or to his private address, 54 Menzies street.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that we have purchased from H Siebenbaum, Esq., the entire plant of the Milwaukee Brewing Co, successors to John Leahy, which also includes the beer pumps of the late Excelsior Brewing Co.

d8 VICTORIA-PHŒNIX BREWING CO., LTD.

PRIVATE Instruction in Pitman's Shorthand and in Bookkeeping, Arithmetic, Mathematics. Cases of neglected education receive special attention. James Kaye, 111 Fisgard street. de4

RESERVE—CASSIAR DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the under-mentioned tracts of land are reserved for Government purposes until further notice, viz:—

1. A belt of land, five miles in width, extending back from the shore line of the whole of that portion of Bennett Lake, which lies within the Province.

2. A belt of land, five miles in width, extending back from the shore line of the whole of that portion of Teslin Lake which lies within the Province.

3. A belt of land commencing at a point five miles below Glenora, on the Stickeen river; thence up the said river to a point five miles above Telegraph Creek, and having a width of five miles on each side of the said river

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 11th December, 1897. d 3

NOTICE.

Government Street, between Courtney and Johnson Streets, is closed to traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

ADMIRAL'S HOUSE TAX.

The undersigned is now ready to refund the above tax.

Tax receipts MUST be produced.

CHAS. KENT,
Treasurer.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain either a standard or narrow gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, including all kinds of merchandise, from a point at or near Pyramid Harbour, on the Lynn Canal in a northerly or northwesterly direction, and by the most direct and feasible route to a point on the boundary line between this province and the Northwest Territory of Canada, and with power to construct equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharfs, docks, and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to carry on a general express business, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and with power to build wagon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria, the 3rd day of December, A.D. 1897.

R. T. ELLIOTT,
de4 Solicitor for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain either a standard or narrow gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, including all kinds of merchandise, from a point at or near Portland Inlet or Portland Canal, Cassiar District, British Columbia by the most direct and feasible route to a point at or near Teslin Lake; and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches; and to carry on a general express business, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railways steamboats or other companies; and with power to build wagon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria the 4th day of August, A.D. 1897.

HUNTER & OLIVER,
au5 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway of standard or any other gauge from a point at or near the head of Lynn canal northward along Dalton's trail or as near thereto as practicable to a point at or near Fort Selkirk in the North West Territories, with power to connect with any railway in American Territory, and to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, ways, bridges and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, equip, own and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the proposed railway and works, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges and other aids from any government, municipal corporations, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railway, ferries, wharves and vessels, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf

ROBERT CASSIDY,
32 Langley St., Victoria, B C.,
Solicitor for the applicants.
November 16th, 1897. n26

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of developing and tusning to commercial use the Iron Ore deposits situate upon and near the coast line of the province of British Columbia, and to that end, to construct blast furnaces, rolling mills, roads, tram roads, railroads, docks wharves, houses, buildings, wharves, docks, steam and other ships, hydraulic power plant and works, electric power and electric lighting plant and works, plate-rolling plant, tin-plating plant, and such other plant and appliances for the manufacture of pig iron, steel blooms and billets, tin plates and generally to do all things necessary and conductive to the establishment of iron, steel and tin plate works and manufactories, and for the establishment of a home trade and an export trade, and to acquire lands, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and generally to do, acquire, receive and perform all usual and necessary rights, powers privileges and aids for giving full effect to the intentions of the applicant herein before set forth.

Dated at Victoria, the 8th day of December, 1897.

JOHN COBELDICK,
d10 Applicant.

THE CALEDONIA GENERAL MINING ASSOCIATION, LIMITED LIABILITY.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a special meeting of the shareholders of the Caledonia General Mining Association, Limited Liability, will be held at the office of the Company, 28 Broad street, at Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday, the 21st day of December, 1897, at the hour of 8 p m. for the purpose of passing a resolution to enable the Company to dispose of the whole of its leasehold properties and water rights.

R. T WILLIAMS,
Secretary of the Caledonia General Mining Association, Limited Liability.
Victoria, B.C., November 17th. 1897. n19

NOTICE.

The pumps of the late Excelsior Brewing Co. are now the property of the Victoria Phœnix Brewing Co., Ltd. Those pumps were by power contained in the chattel mortgage given to me, my property, and not H. Kurth, the would-be owner and salesman.

de 12 H. SIEBENBAUM.

ED. LINES, General Scavenger 236 Yates street.—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Geo. Munro's, 89 Government street; Speed Bros., corner Douglas and Fort; or Blair & Gordon, corner Menzies and Michigan, will be promptly attended to. de

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MR. KELLIE'S ACTION.

Naturally our opposition friends are taking a good deal of comfort out of Mr. Kellie's action in regard to the local government. On the principle that one should be thankful for even small mercies, gratitude is quite appropriate under the circumstances. Mr. Kellie's letter would, however, be a lot more interesting if he had prefaced it with a short sketch of his political career, which has been of an unusually variegated character. He entered the local house as an independent and showed his qualifications for that line of politics by promptly going over to the opposition, and, as every one will recall, by assailing Hon. John Robson, the premier, with a good deal of needless violence. Afterwards he made a further exhibition of his independent qualities by going over to the government side of the house. During the Davie administration he was an uncertain factor. He always had a fine assortment of difficulties on hand, and either was in hot water himself constantly or trying to get some one else there. Later he grew weary of this and became a very steady supporter of Hon. Mr. Turner. But his restlessness again asserted itself, and during the session of 1897 we find him as a sort of Mohammed's coffin, hovering between the heaven of the government ranks and the earth of opposition. He has now got fairly down to the latter, where it is to be presumed he will remain for a time at least. All this is doubtless creditable to Mr. Kellie's independence of mind. If he chooses to look at it that way, we have no serious objections. We think the record worthy of notice only because it appears to take the most of the ginger out of his late action. Like the heavenly bodies, Mr. Kellie moves in a political orbit of his own, and he is to be looked for in certain signs of the Zodiac at certain seasons. Just now he is due in the sign Semlin; where he will be found later, deponent saith not.

Mr. Kellie was quite belligerent last session. He sent the government a sort of ultimatum *in re* appropriations, but on second thoughts concluded not to press his case *a l'outrance*, and after that he kept his place in the government ranks. The cause he gives for his recent action is the failure of Hon. Mr. Turner to consult him about an appointment. We note that he does not question the wisdom of the appointment. As we said the other day, this is the excuse, not the reason, for his action. He has been talking opposition all summer, for, like some other people, he thought it the correct thing to do so. He found himself forced to define his position, and he has seized upon the first handy excuse for declaring himself opposed to those with whom he has recently and temporarily worked in harmony. We trust that he will find himself quite comfortable with his new associates during the brief time that his political revolution keeps him in such company.

THAT RELIEF EXPEDITION.

The United States government proposes to send three million pounds of provisions into the Yukon country and is going to use reindeer as a means of transportation. It is stated that a reindeer can carry 300 pounds. Now let us make a little calculation. At 300 pounds to the reindeer it will take 10,000 reindeer to carry the 3,000,000 pounds. Ten thousand reindeer are quite a cavalcade. We are told they are to come from Lapland. At 500 reindeer to the ship, it will take 20 ships to carry these amiable beasts, and we venture to say that 500 of them with their fodder for so long a sea journey will be a very fair load for any available ship. How long it will take to get the 10,000 reindeer together we can only guess. Of course if several trips could be made across the country fewer animals would do, but there is not time enough to get the deer out from Lapland and make a series of 1,200 miles excursions before the snow goes off. If we suppose that each reindeer can make two trips, there would still be 5,000 of the animals needed. If each could make the utterly impossible number of five trips, still 2,000 of them would be called for, instead of 1,000 as Secretary Alger estimates. Now, reindeer must eat and they must have attendants. We do not pretend to know what they feed on, but we venture to guess that they would not be able to pick much up on the way. They would also require many attendants. How many we do not know, but of this we are certain, that when it comes to talking of transporting 3,000,000 pounds of food 600 miles by reindeers, each reindeer to carry 300 pounds, there will be mighty little left of the 3,000,000 pounds at the end of the journey, after the animals and their attendants have had enough to eat.

We are inclined to think that the whole relief expedition is something in the nature of a collossal advertisement. It looks like a very smart thing for congress to undertake the relief of a lot of people, the most of whom are not in United States territory and of whose needs there is very considerable doubt anyway. It looks like an effort to convince the world that Canada is not in a position to look after the wants of her own people, and we hope that the Dominion government will decline to be a party to any such absurd proposition. If it is necessary to get supplies in to relieve the wants of the people of Dawson City, and the Canadian government wants the thing done, it can be done without any appropriation from congress or without sending to Lapland after a lot of reindeer. The anxiety of the United States government to send an armed force through the Northwest territory at this particular juncture is worthy of remark. There is no occasion for any troops there, so far as the public knows. Doubtless Alaska is not properly policed; but it will do no very great harm to permit the United States government to wait until next summer, when it can send soldiers up the Yukon river. If there was the least probability that such an expedition as is proposed would amount to anything excepta huge fraud, we would not speak of it in this way,

AMERICAN OUTFITS.

We find in the San Francisco Examiner a half-page devoted to showing the effect of the Dingley tariff upon the price of some of the commoner articles of commerce, and the facts bear very strongly upon the outfitting trade. The special point made is the advance in the price of woollens. The substance of the review of the situation is that when the full effect of the tariff has been felt, the price of goods into the composition of which wool largely enters will advance from 40 to 50 per cent. upon the prices of last year. The retailers consulted by the Examiner all speak of the advance in prices and say it has already begun. One firm says: "There is a general increase in the price of all woollen goods." They explain that the only reason why the price has not gone up more than it has is that the old stocks bought under the last tariff have not been exhausted. Another house reports a 20 per cent. rise in flannels and a similar rise in all lines of woollen underwear. One of the largest clothing houses reports a 50 per cent. rise in woollen clothes and as much as 100 per cent. in certain lines. Blankets that sold for 40 cents a pound now sell for 60 cents; while knit goods have advanced from 25 to 30 per cent. The effect of this upon the trade of United States cities with the North must be very injurious. In point of fact there never was the least sense in any one buying his woollens in the United States under any circumstances, but now it would be the act of only of a person who was either very ill-informed or most stupidly prejudiced.

THE OBSTRUCTION AT DYEA.

The people of Victoria to a man will unite in demanding that the custom house be removed from Tagish lake to Teslin lake, unless arrangements can be made whereby Canadian outfits can be taken across the narrow strip of Canadian territory without heavy charges being incurred. This is not due to any hostile feeling in this city against our neighbors, but simply for the purpose of meeting them in their own game. Our people would prefer to see all the avenues of communication kept open, but if they are to be met at Dyea by obstacles, which though within the letter of the law, are practically prohibitive, they believe Canada should assert her rights of sovereignty and declare that no goods shall enter the Yukon over the passes. The people here feel that the unreasonable action of the sub-collector at Dyea is not authorized by the United States Treasury directly, but is the reflection of Puget Sound rivalry. It is, however, as indefensible as though it had executive sanction.

THE story told in our columns this morning of the safe return of thirteen of the Cleveland's crew is one of the most thrilling in the annals of those "who go down to the sea in ships and do business in great waters." The worst feature of the case is that events have proved that if the crew had stood by the ship there would have been no loss of life. We speak of this, not for the purpose of censuring any one, for the captain no doubt did what ninety-nine seamen out of a hundred would have done, but solely to illustrate the specially melancholy nature of the wreck.

THE Dominion government should immediately cause the telegraph line to Alberni to be put in repair. At present it is unfit for the transmission of important messages.

AN inquiry ought to be instituted to ascertain why the signals of the Cleveland were not answered from Cape Beale lighthouse.

THINGS are looking a little equally in eastern Asia, and there appears to be a concensus of opinion in London that Germany and Russia are acting together. It is pointed out that if this is the case, Great Britain, the United States and Japan must speedily assert themselves. In that event France must be expected to take action also. There seems the making of a very serious dispute in the questions raised by the action of Germany in occupying the Chinese harbor.

THE country wants nothing more of the Mercier crowd except that they will hide their heads in oblivion. However, if they have been getting in their fine work it is well to know it. Evidently there is a very unsavory mess about to be opened up in Quebec.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

IN WICKED VANCOUVER.

George Taylor, M.P., says that whiskey is "the poor man's luxury." There are many people in this town who hold that it is a necessity.—Vancouver World.

NEVER TOUCHED 'EM.

British Columbia inscribed 3 per cents are quoted in London at 104-106. In spite of the fact that the leaders of the opposition seem to leave no stone unturned to injure the credit of the government by their baseless attacks on the cabinet ministers, the province is to be congratulated on its excellent financial standing.—Rossland Miner.

AS TO REDISTRIBUTION.

Upon the whole we think that for the present the best thing to do with the representation question is to shelve it. We are on the eve of a new order of things. In ten years' time the whole aspect of British Columbia will in all probability be so different that the present will soon be almost an impossible dream. Redistribution legislation will wait, but there is other work for the assembly that will not. This is no time for wrangling about the size of the denominators of fractional M.P.P's. There are trails to be cut, roads to be built and railways as yet unsurveyed to be constructed before British Columbia is ready to consider abstruse theories prodortional of representation.—Nanaimo Review.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Terrible Threat—"John, if you don't stop referring to me as the 'old woman' I'll make you sorry for it." "What will you do, dear?" "I'll be a new woman."

Critical—"Don't you think," the mother said proudly, "that her playing shows a remarkable finish?" "Yes," replied the young man obsently; "but she was a long time getting to it."

"When a man tries to pass foh what he ain't," said Uncle Eben, "he's jes like a pusson dat gits inter somebody' else's clothes. Dey may be mighty handsome, but 'tain't likely he kin make 'em fit."

Little Arthur had been to church. "How did you like the sermon?" asked his sister. "Pretty well," responded the youthful critic. "The beginning was very good, and so was the end, but it had too much middle."

A man dropped his wig on the street, and a boy who was following close behind the loser picked it up and handed it to him. "Thanks, my boy," said the owner of the wig, "you are the first genuine hair restorer I have ever seen."

"What!" said the Judge, "you expect me to send your husband to prison when you acknowledge that you threw five flatirons at him and he only threw one at you!" "Yes; that's all right, Judge," said the irate woman; "but then the one he threw hit me."

VICTORIA FLOUR & RICE MILLS.

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BORNE TO GOD'S ACRE.

Funerals of the Late Ald. J. B. Harrison and Mr. Henry Jewell on Sunday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Ald. James B. Harrison, which took place from the Masonic Temple Sunday afternoon, was very largely attended. In addition to the number of deceased's private friends, the funeral cortege included Victoria Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in a body, of which the late Mr. Harrison had been a member. The city fire bells tolled as the procession left the Temple and proceeded along Douglas street to St. Andrews Presbyterian church, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Leslie Clay. Mr. A. L. Belyea, acting as chaplain for Victoria Lodge, A. F. & A. M., conducted the services at the graveside. The mayor and city aldermen were pallbearers.

The remains of the late Henry Jewell were interred on Sunday afternoon in Ross Bay cemetery. The funeral was a large one and the services very impressive, the members of the local lodges A.O.U.W., of which deceased was a member, attending in a body and participating. The funeral services were conducted at the Metropolitan Methodist church by Rev. Mr. Speer, who referred to the great interest deceased had all his life taken in the work of the church. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. D. Spencer, J. Bullen, J. Walsh, W. J. Pendray, F. J. Hall and T. G. Rayner. The regular afternoon session of the Sunday school of the church was not held on account of the funeral.

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At my sale-rooms, Yates street. I will sell a quantity of Fine Jewelry, Diamond Earrings, Rings and Brooches, Diamond Sets Earrings and Brooches. Ladies' Watch, Set with Diamonds and Rubies, Opal Diamond and Sapphire Rings, Solid Gold Gents' Chains, Ladies' Long Gold Chains and Bracelets, Gold Studs and assortmont of Gold and Silver Watches, and numerous other articles.

All goods sold will be guaran'eed as represented.

G. BYRNES, Auctioneer.

AUCTION

Tuesday, Dec. 21st, at 2 p.m.,

WORKS OF ART,

Oil and Water Color Paintings

At my rooms, Yates street, a consignment of English Water Colors and Oil Paintings of Landscape and other subjects. Several of these pictures have been exhibited at the Royal Academy. G. BYRNES,

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Of solid gold-filled and silver watches, chains, brooches, scarf pins, sleeve links and buttons, bracelets, rings, diamonds, rubies, saphires, pearls and emeralds, silver and plated ware, clocks and cutlery, etc.

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Dec 22—Jewellery, etc. W. Jones.
Dec. 24—Square Sails. W. T. Hardaker.
Dec 22—Jewelry, Etc. G. Byrnes.

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THE CITY

ALL kinds of bad horses at the exhibition in the Market Hall to-night. x

Queen's mincemeat as prepared by Her Majesty's chef, prepared by O'Keil & Morris. x

THE ladies of the Maccabees will nominate their officers for the year this evening at the Pythian hall.

The Badminton, Vancouver, management H. R. Stratton. Strictly first-class. Rates, $2 upwards. x

A full line of toys and novelties suitable for Christmas or New Year gifts at the Sterling, 88 Yates street. x

THE funeral of the late Henry Jewell will take place this afternoon from the family residence, 91 Blanchard street.

CALL at the Sterling and see the great reduction in Jackets, Hats, Flannelette Blouses and Dress Goods. 88 Yates St. x

YOU want a treat. Try the Queen's mincemeat, made from the recipe of the Queen's chef and manufactured by O'Keil & Morris. x

TO RENT, Temperance Hall, Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. For particulars apply to Dr. Dewis Hall, corner Yates and Douglas street. *

TO NIGHT affords the last opportunity Victorians will have in some time to study the methods adopted by the king of horse tamers, Gleason—at the Market Hall. x

GLEASON takes farewell of Victorians at the Market Hall this evening, presenting a programme of unique and special features eclipsing anything heretofore given in the West. x

PATRIARCHS of Vancouver Encampment No. 1, I.O.O.F., meet this evening to confer the Golden Rule degree on one brother; while two patriarchs are to receive the Royal Purple.

TO-DAY at 2 p.m. G. Byrnes will sell at his auction rooms, Yates street, a lot of fine water color and oil paintings by English artists. Inspection is invited from 10 a.m. to-day until commencement of sale. x

LOVERS of good pictures will have an opportunity to-day to acquire some really admirable works of recognized masters at the sale of art treasures to be conducted by Mr. George Byrnes, at his salerooms on Yates street.

THE Christmas entertainment of the little folk of the Metropolitan Methodist church is to be held this evening in the school hall. A programme just a little better than anything of the kind heretofore presented in Victoria is promised.

WITHOUT any qualification Professor Gleason guarantees that his entertainment at the Market Hall this evening will eclipse in interest and excitement anything heretofore offered in the same line to the people of British Columbia.

MADAME LAPEARL has left the St. Catherines Home for Old Ladies, with which she was formerly connected, and that institution is now being conducted by Mrs. McDonald, the matron, who will be pleased to receive donations as before.

THE remains of the late Ald. Harrison were taken last evening to the Masonic hall, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to-day. The funeral will take place from the hall this afternoon at 2:15 p.m., and St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 2:45 p.m.

THE C.P.R. Telegraph Co., have lost no time in opening their new office at Esquimalt, located with the post office in Mr. Goodwin's store with that gentleman as operator. The local rate between this city and the naval suburb has been fixed at 20 words for 25 cents and one cent for each additional word.

CANADIAN THUNDERBOLT, reputed to be the most vicious horse in all the Dominion has been shipped by his owner to Victoria, to afford Prof. Gleason an opportunity to try his hand on some really hard material. He says:—"If you can conquer Thunderbolt you can master the wickedest piece of horseflesh that breathes." To-night Gleason promised to do the trick at the Market Hall. x

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ATTENTION is called to the advertisements of several sales by auction, appearing on the fourth page of this issue.

A PRIVATE meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday in the council room, when matters relating to the Yukon trade were discussed.

CHRISTMAS donations are thankfully acknowledged by the treasurer of the British Columbia Benevolent Society as follows: From Mrs. R. Finlayson, $10; Hon. B. W. Pearse, $20; and the city corporation, $25. A similar donation of $25 from the corporation funds to the Refuge Home is acknowledged by the managers of that institution; and another of the same amount, and also from the city council, by the Home Nursing Society.

ALL preparations for the military social dance in the drill hall to-morrow evening have been made and the event promises to be a success in every particular. The drill of No. 2 Company has been postponed on account of the dance, and every member is requested to attend or obtain leave. The rush for tickets has already commenced, and as there are only a limited number printed, those wishing to attend should take an early opportunity to secure them.

MR. JOHN COLLINS, who for the past three years has been cultivating tobacco on his farm at Kelowna, is in town, his intention being to place the cured crop on the market. The tobacco is grown from Spanish seed leaf, which is Havana tobacco acclimatized to the North. Mr. Collins has had some of his tobacco made up into cigars, which certainly have a very pleasant aroma, and tobacco men to whom the weed has been shown have expressed high opinions of it. Tobacco grows splendidly in the Okanagan valley, Mr. Collins states, and its quality is quite as good as that of any Northern-grown tobacco. Its success means a splendid opening for a new provincial industry.

THE world renowned contralto Sofia Scalchi and her great company of operatic artists will appear here on Thursday next, 23rd inst., at the Victoria theatre. The name of Scalchi is known the world over and it is conceded on all sides that she is without a rival in the operatic field to-day. Scalchi will apper in a regular concert programme and will give one or two acts of grand opera with scenery, costumes, etc. It will be an event to have an act of Faust and Trovatore with a cast like this and with Scalchi in the chief roles. Associated with Scalchi is Mlle. Toulinguet, said to be one of the greatest dramatic sopranos in the world. Mlle. Toulinguet was the principal soprano of the Imperial Opera Co., and made a tremendous hit in Europe and in New York last season. The other members of the company are Mlle. Marie Du Bedat, mezzo soprano, late of the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Co.; Mr. Thomas McQueen, the Scotch tenor; Sig. Alberti, baritone and Sig. Gallia, pianist and accompanist.

MARRIED IN THE CATHEDRAL.

The Laing-Read Nuptials Yesterday Afternoon Witnessed By a Large Gathering.

Although arranged as a private choral wedding, the nuptials of Mr. J. W. Laing, M.A., principal of the Collegiate school, and Miss Ethel May Read, of Toronto, proved an event of wide public interest, to which fact the immense assembly in Christ Church cathedral at four yesterday afternoon to witness the ceremony testified eloquently. The marriage was solemnized by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, assisted by Rev. Canon Beanlands. Mr. Archer Martin gave the bride away, and his two little sons acted as pages.

After the ceremony the young couple drove to the residence of Mr. Martin, where they received their many friends. Well wishes and presents showered in on every hand until the recipients took their departure for San Francisco on the steamship City of Puebla sailing South at eight o'clock last evening.

In the Golden Gate city and Southern California the twain will spend their honeymoon, and subsequently return to Victoria to take up their residence here.

Mr. Laing, to nearly all Victorians, is familiar as a lecturer of marked ability, and also as an explorer who some few years ago penetrated the wilderness of Vancouver Island making important discoveries that have been useful to the geographical and natural history world.

The bride, who was married in her travelling costume, is the third daughter of the late John Breackenridge Read, barrister-at-law, Toronto, and a sister of Mrs. Archer Martin.

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BOSTON, Dec. 20.—(Special)—After a week of conference in Boston Justices Putnam and King, the commissioners for the United States and Canada, respectively in the arbitration of the Behring sea claims, have completed their work for the present and it is understood will soon begin the preparation of their reports to their respective governments. The commissioners have been holding daily sessions in this city, during which they have gone over the disputed claims step by step, reviewing the evidence as in the case of a law court.

It is understood that an agreement as to the amount of indemnity claimed has been reported in all but a few cases, and these are likely to be settled without the appointment of an umpire, which is provided for in the convention authorizing the commission. The amount awarded to Great Britain will be paid within six months of the time when the final decision is reached, whether it is made by the two commissioners or by an umpire.

It is not known what claims have been ruled out, but it is understood that the total approved claims will amount to more than $1,000,000.

STUDENTS OF MUSIC.

The Pupils of Miss Smith's Academy Assist at Miss Phair's Graduation Recital.

The close of the musical term at Miss S. F. Smith's studio, Fort street, was very pleasantly marked on Saturday last with a recital by Miss Phair, assisted by other pupils of the studio. Right Rev. Bishop Perrin presided, and a large number of the friends and relatives of the pupils were present, including Miss Perrin, Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven, Rev. J. H. S. and Mrs. Sweet, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Paddon, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Redfern, Mrs. McInnes and many others.

One especially noteworthy feature of the afternoon was the presentation by the pupils to Miss Phair of a suitable souvenir, on the occasion of her leaving the college; another was the award and presentation to Miss Hall of the prize for theory in the Junior First.

Both presentations were made by the Bishop of Columbia, while Ven. Archdeacon Scriven spoke of the thoroughness of the work done and the excellent progress generally displayed by the pupils in their musical studies.

Assisting Miss Phair in her recital were the following pupils: Misses Chase, Going, Winnifred Johnson, Rosie Brash, E. McKeown, F. Phair, Hornsby and J. Spencer. The pupils' annual recital and Christmas treat was enjoyed on Saturday, the 4th instant, when forty-two pupils were in attendance, of whom thirty took part in the meritorious programme provided for the occasion.

FORMALLY INSTITUTED.

Ivy Lodge of the Daughters of Ruth Added to the List of Secret Societies.

Victoria, long known as a secret society city, added another woman's lodge to the already long list on Saturday evening last, when Ivy Lodge of the Daughters of Ruth—the ladies' branch of the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows—was instituted by P.P. G.M. Brother James Tagg, assisted by the members of Dauntless and Fernwood lodges. The new lodge begins life with a charter list of twenty-eight members, and has fixed Tuesday, the 4th January, as its next meeting day. The first elected and installed officers of the lodge are:

Lecture Master, James Tagg; N.G., Sister E. M. Carter; V.G., Sister Helen Cutler; Secretary, Sister A. M. Carter; Treasurer, Sister N. Sowery; Surgeon, Dr. Carter; Chaplain, Sister C. A. Wilson; Warden, Sister Maggie McKenzie; Conductor, Sister E. M. Coutes; Inside Guard, Sister C. Hawk; Outside Guard, B. Cooper; Trustees—Brothers James Fullerton and Dr. Carter; Auditors—Brothers Tagg, Coutes and Cormack.

Dr. Burns Dead.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—(Special) — Dr. Burns, a well-known Toronto physician, dropped dead at noon, of heart failure.

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would include the cure of every form of disease which affects the throat and lungs. Asthma, Croup, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough and other similar complaints have (when other medicines failed) yielded to

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MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Tri-Weekly Steamer Service to the Gulf Islands to Be Inaugurated To-day.

Promotions in the Northern Pacific Service—Passengers to and from California.

Commencing to-day, the trim little passenger steamer Clayoquot will establish a tri-weekly service to the islands of the gulf. The schedule on which she is to run regularly hereafter has not yet been finally adopted, but among the principal places of call will be Salt Spring island and the stations en route. Her first trip will be one largely of investigation and not until she returns to port will it be known exactly what her run is to include. She will be leaving port shortly after noon with, it is expected, a good number of passengers. The Clayoquot makes an admirable craft for the service she to-day initiates. Her cabins are large and comfortably furnished, there being sufficient of them to meet the requirements of business for some time to come.

COAST LINERS IN PORT.

Detained by adverse winds, the steamship Walla Walla did not get in from California until yesterday morning, being one night overdue. She brought 114 tons of general merchandise for local merchants, a large portion of the freight being Christmas goods. As passengers she had in her saloon 150 travelers for Victoria and the cities of the Sound. For Victoria she landed about as many as the City of Puebla carried away in the evening, a list of whom is as follows: J. W. Laing and wife, J. G. Magnus, Miss M. Magnus, Mrs. E. Dorman, J. H. Todd, Thomas O'Brien, W. H. and Mrs. Leishman, Mr. and Mrs. Matins, T. E. Ladner, Mrs. T. E. Ladner, Mrs. J. Conny, Miss R. Watson, A. Cootes, J. B. Garrow, Miss Dora Halcombe, Mrs. A. J. Neilson, Frank Neilsen and John J. Stephenson.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC FLEET.

Captain Tinebridge, of the Northern Pacific steamer Olympia, has been appointed to the command of the steamship Victoria of the same line. The latter vessel is now on her way to Victoria from the Orient, and Captain John Panton who is at present in command and who has held control of the ship for many years, goes overland from Tacoma for the purpose of joining his new charge the steamship Arizona, the latest addition to the Northern Pacific fleet. A full description of the Arizona has already appeared in the COLONIST, she being 450 feet long, just five feet shorter than the Empresses, but six feet narrower than those ships, and two feet deeper.

MARINE NOTES.

The Cunard liner Lucania is announced by the C. P. R. bulletin to have arrived at New York from Liverpool on Saturday afternoon.

The pretty little tug Halifax, belonging to Nanaimo, made her first appearance in port yesterday and will remain tied up in James Bay until this morning when she leaves for the West Coast. She is taking a Vancouver tie down the coast to see some mining properties.

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" Halifax	"	Nanaimo.
" Thistle	"	Comox.
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" Clayoquot	"	Salt Spring Isl.
" Halifax	"	Barclay Sound.
" City of Nanaimo.	"	Nanaimo.
Schr. Lulu	"	Boundary Bay.

PROTECTING THE CHILDREN.

A Movement Initiated for the Benefit of Neglected Youngsters—A Treat on Monday.

The movement to form a society for taking care of friendless children and youngsters who are now running wild on the streets began its growth at a meeting last night that bids fair to blossom into a society for the protection of the young. The meeting, which was called by Rev. A. B. Winchester, who has taken the initiative in the movement, was held at Temperance hall, Lieut.-Governor McInnes presiding; and on the principle that the best way to reach the young is to attract their attention by something pleasant, a Christmas treat is to be given the little folk on Monday night at some place yet to be decided upon.

After the preliminaries, which included the appointment of Mr. T. M. Henderson as secretary, Rev. Mr. Winchester explained his ideas on the subject of looking after neglected children. Neglecting the young had a bad effect on the body politic, and, vice versa, any movement which took luckless youngsters from the streets and placed them in a better environment, so that they would grow up good and useful citizens, was a useful work which concerned not only private individuals, but demanded the attention of the city or the state. In fact as Mr. Winchester said,

"If some of those here had not had the advantage of a good environment they might be breaking stone now for the public good."

The movement was not sectional or sectarian. He proposed that a children's protection society should be organized aiming to aid boys under 15 and girls under 16 who were drifting towards vagrancy or crime, and to direct them into right ways.

Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, Archdeacon Scriven, who was present on behalf of Bishop Perrin, spoke in commendation of the scheme and it was decided to form a general committee to consider the scheme and report at a future meeting and also to prepare a Christmas treat for the children. This committee was composed of: Lieut.-Governor McInnes, Dr. G. L. Milne, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Rev. W. D. Barber, Rev. R. W. Trotter, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Canon Paddon, Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. J. F. Betts, Rev. J. C. Speer, Mrs. Kent, Miss Bowes, Miss Williams, Mrs. McMicking, Mrs. Riddle, Mrs. Siddall, D. McLean, E. A. Lewis, Hon. Col. Baker, C. H. Lugrin, Senator Templeman, T. M. Henderson, Jos. Meston, R. H. Jameson and D. Spencer. Those of the committee present then held a meeting and arranged that the treat should be held on Monday, a magic lantern show being the chief attraction. The general committee meets in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday, January 3, at 7:30 p.m.

THE one-hundredth appropriation of the Vancouver Island Building Society was drawn for at a meeting of the association in Sir William Wallace hall last evening. The committee for the occasion was composed of Messrs. George Gawley, Fred Carne, jr., and R. Carter. One hundred and eighty-five was the winning number, shares 185 A. and B. standing in the name of D. J. Munn being declared entitled to the appropriation of $2,000.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Pursuant to powers of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage dated the 17th day of July, 1895, and registered in the Land Registry office at Victoria, B. C. as No. 626d in charge book volume 13, folio 801. Tenders will be received by the undersigned on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, for the purchase of the farm known as Section 13 Sooke District, and containing 110 acres, more or less. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Dated the 3rd day of December, 1897.

THOMAS R. SMITH,
Agent for Mortgagee.
Temple Building, Fort street, Victoria. de4

L. P. FISHER, Newspaper Advertising Agent 21 Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco is our authorised agent. This paper is kept on file in his office. j-8

THIRTEEN SAVED.

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Fireman John Harmon, Pantryman C.H. Packer, and the passenger Frank Gerthan.

"These men, after a terrible battle with the wind and sea, the agonies of which no pen can picture, reached Hesquoit on Sunday, December 12—the third day after the wreck. We received them on board the Quadra, and continued the search for the others of the lost.

"The Indians had heard that there was a fire on the beach and a broken boat at Rafael Point, fifteen miles or so away, and thither the cutter went at once, although the sea was still dangerously high and a bad surf running.

"The Indians' report proved, happily, a true one, for on the morning of Wednesday, the 15th, boat No. 2, in charge of First Officer Durfee, had come ashore, and Durfee and his companions dragged themselves up on the rocks, where they lay exhausted. With the first officer were Assistant Engineer R. P. O'Neill, Carpenter Robert Isbister, Seamen McColl and Falkner; David Crawley, the fireman; and Wm. Dietrick, the Los Angeles passenger.

"Poor George Carillo, the second steward, died of exposure in a dementia induced by the intense strain, suffering, cold and hunger. His body was sorrowfully slipped into the sea on Wednesday, the 15th.

"Captain Walbran, of the Quadra, is untiring in his efforts and persistent in his determination to recover Second Officer Henderson's boat and its occupants, but I greatly fear his labors will be in vain.

"Some of the rescued men in boat No. 2 are still suffering severely from their long exposure, but the officers of the Quadra have extended such unreserved hospitality that under the circumstances they could be no more comfortable if they were at home.

"The crew of ship's boat No. 4, in charge of Harry Melvin, were made comfortable by Father Brabant, who not only looked after their welfare, but caused the Indians to scour the country in all directions in search of the still missing boat and its crew. The Quadra, while this search continues, has returned to Alberni in order that the sufferers may be given proper medical attention.

"The Cleveland still lies in an easy position, and should no heavy weather set in, can yet be saved. Her cargo with the exception of the barrelled stuff and canned goods is a total and complete loss, not worth removing. Some of the fixtures, the personal effects of the crew, and a little of the cargo have been recovered by the Quadra, and a further search is being conducted in every Indian camp in the vicinity under the personal direction of Captain Walbran.

"Captain Hall and such of his officers as are able to work, will stand by the ship until she is either floated or finally abandoned. The divers are now at work and have as yet found no damage to cause fear of her ultimate salvation.

"J. W. WHITBECK."

CAPTAIN IRVING ABANDONS HOPE

Henderson's Party, He Says, Is Undoubted-Lost—The Story of the Battle For Life.

Captain John Irving, M.P.P., manager of the C. P. N. Co., who accompanied the Quadra to the scene of the wreck, confirms in a wire the good news of the rescue, and adds:

"The third officer's boat was found at Hesquoit, which place they reached after being two days in the boat, but ill-provisioned owing to the loss overboard of a portion of their supplies, and with no shelter from the tempestuous elements. The chief officer's boat, with seven men, was picked up at Rafael point, just eastward of Sydney inlet. They had been five days in the boat, enduring in that time all the miseries falling to the share of their comrades. The second officer's boat is undoubtedly lost.

"The Quadra did not go further west as it would have been useless to do so. Some of the survivor's are very much used up, and the Quadra in consequence came up to Alberni to enable them to obtain medical treatment. One of the steward's men, Carillo by name, died in the first officer's boat.

"Several Indians have been arrested for looting, and the policy of the authorities in this direction cannot but have a most beneficial effect upon all the tribes along the coast line. "JNO. IRVING."

The story of the wild voyage from the wreck to safety, as told by the survivors of the two boats, is practically the same terrible narrative. Both, in the riots of the elements misunderstood the captain's orders when he signalled them to follow through Alpha Passage; and both, realising their mistake, endeavored to follow in obedience when it was too late to make the point.

In the moment of excitement and great danger the oil cans were forgotten, and the breakers unchecked threatened momentarily to demolish all three boats. Try as they would the shipwrecked seamen could not keep toward shore; steadily the persistent wind drove them to sea, and to northward until they were forced to a realization of their fate—to be carried, helpless to resist, wherever the storm king willed.

There was neither chart nor compass in either of the three boats, which separated almost immediately and carried northward—ill-provisioned and with a water supply sufficient for half a week only, even with the exercise of the greatest economy. Durfee's boat, as told by Captain Hall, was not in the best condition, and only a few hours had elapsed when it commenced to leak, and leak badly, two men being required to bale continually from Friday morning for four days and a half.

During this dreadful interval the water supply was entirely exhausted, and the scant stock of seabiscuit so reduced that but one a day could be doled out with a morsel of meat, the fear of starvation thus lending its terrors to the situation.

THE TERRORS OF THE SITUATION

Beggar Description—Starvation, Cold, Anxiety and Death Combining in Attack.

Corillo had been sick when the ship was abandoned, and unable to work. He speedily grew worse, and although propped up on a coil of rope astern, the ice-cold water reached up to his chest, aggravating his agony. He died in a delirium, talking of home and friends, while his comrades labored with dull hopelessness toward they knew not where.

Unable to locate themselves, the best the boats could do was to keep within sight of shore and seek opportunity to make a landing. Thus they saw Eucluelet as they were forced by; realized that they were not seen in return although they signalled with every means at their command; lost sight of the little hamlet over the stern; and practically gave up hope. The boat was leaking; both food and water were gone; the men were in extremity.

Durfee decided that a landing must be made for repairs, even if it were at the price of death in the surf, so taking a desperate chance he steered ashore, fortune or luck or providence carrying the little craft and its crew on the beach in safety at Rafael Point.

When at last the boat and its occupants were tossed here like a discarded plaything, the sailors lay like dead men on the rocky beach. Two of the men had broken limbs which could not be set; fire was unobtainable; nor any food save the mussels, which they dragged themselves up the rocks and hungrily devoured. Finally Indians came, built a fire, dried their clothes, and gave them food—caring for them with a solicitude in strong contrast with the conduct of their Barclay Sound neighbors.

Melvin's run for Hesquoit was shorter, and less agonizing perhaps in consequence, although he and his men had no provisions, their biscuits having been lost overboard at Alpha Passage. They were exceptionally fortunate in their landing, and were given the best of care and attention by the resident priest, who also combines a limited knowledge of medicine and simple surgery with his spiritual ministrations.

When the survivors of both parties were received on board the Quadra, four were in great pain and absolute danger with indications of blood poisoning, which made experienced medical attention imperative. Five were unable to walk, and it was for a time feared that their lives would be sacrificed. They are now, however, doing well, and a full and satisfactory recovery is anticipated as soon as they shall have been removed to the hospital in this city.

The action of Rev. Father Brabant in personally caring for the injured and in instituting search for Henderson's boat all along the Coast, as well as his thoughtfulness and skill in sending the message to Euclulet that brought the Quadra up from that point, make him the hero of the day and hour.

HOW THE BOATS DRIFTED

In Absolute Ignorance of Their Position, Along the Very Worst Section of the Island Coast.

The course of the boats from the time of leaving Starlight reef until one of them landed at Rafael point and the other at Hesquoit harbor, is one of the worst known to Pacific ocean mariners.

It must be remembered that the three boats left the Cleveland off Shelter island, near Starlight reef, at eight o'clock a.m. The coastline here is nothing but rocks and reefs with dangerous currents. A landing along the coast at any point even under the most favorable circumstances would be fraught with the greatest difficulty.

Carried along by the gale, the boats continued up the coast looking for a favorable place to land. Had they known the coast, the boats could without much difficulty have landed at Point Cox, twenty miles north of where the steamer was left, as immediately behind this cove a good landing place as False Bay would have afforded the shipwrecked sailors a refuge.

Failing through ignorance of their whereabouts and of the locality, the boats still driving before the gale, missed another excellent opportunity for landing at a place called Schooner Cove. The appearance of the coast at this point is not encouraging to the uninitiated, as it presents a formidable aspect owing to the rocks and ledges near the entrance, which, however, are by no means dangerous.

The shoreline along here trends west by north, and east by south, and presents an almost unbroken line of reefs and breakers. The sailors still going north might have sailed through some of the smaller channels to Clayoquot Sound, but the off-lying rocks cause such a breaker that they could not tell the entrance.

The boat's crew which successfully landed at Rafael Point were exceedingly lucky. The point is very prominent and wooded, and affords a poor landing place under best conditions of weather. It is on the west corner of Flores island, about forty miles from where the Cleveland was abandoned, and lies between the north channel of Clayoquot Sound and Sidney inlet.

The point itself is uninhabited, the nearest place at which the crew could obtain shelter and succour being Ahousat, an Indian village eight or ten miles away. The current near Rafael Point is unimportant, and the fact that the point is the first place along the coast where the breakers do not extend any distance no doubt induced the crew to select it as a landing place.

The boat which drove to Hesquoit, missed the entrance to the ships' channel and having gone too far past to return, owing to the strong east gale, drifted still farther to the North. A splendid chance to land was afforded the crew after their failure to make a landing at Sydney Inlet, at a point about four miles further north. But unable to make this shelter, the boat apparently headed for Hesquoit with the prevailing wind.

In going along in the same direction up the coast after leaving Rafael—that is, west by north—th[illegible]t naturally ran directly into the har[illegible]pens out towards the southeast. [illegible]e to this harbor is not made w[illegible]siderable difficulty, as a bar extend[illegible] across the mouth or entrance, and[illegible]h weather it forms into an ugly b[illegible] The shore is high and rocky, but [illegible]urrents at this point are very moder[illegible]even at the entrance to the Inlet.

Father Brabant's, where the crew landed, is about fifty miles from where the boats left the unfortunate Cleveland.

A PROVIDENTIAL LANDING.

Had the Third Officer's Boat Not Made Hesquoit Its Fate Would Have Been Sealed.

Had the crew which reached Hesquoit not been successful in landing there they in all probabilty would never have been heard of more. Their direct course from Hesquoit would have taken them to Eastern Point, which is characterized by mariners as the most dangerous place on the whole coastline. No small boat could have ever passed the point in rough weather such as was at the time prevailing.

At Hesquoit Harbor, where the third officer's boat was successful in making a landing, shelter and food were obtainable without difficulty, as a mission station of the Roman Catholic church is established there, especially well equipped for the assistance of any distressed seamen who may be carried thither. At Rafael point, however, the castaways could not fare so well, as the place is desolate in the extreme, affording very little shelter, while the nearest inhabitants live six miles away from where the landing was effected, at a small native village.

To reach this refuge it is possible to go by land across the Island, but it is an ugly trip, and in moderately calm weather, the water trip to reach the village would be infinitely preferable.

The voyage of the boat which successfully reached Hesquoit is considered by coast sailors as simply marvellous. For two weeks gale after gale has devastated the coast, and that a small boat driving before a fierce gale could pass the numerous reefs which are not absent from any part of the coast, for a distance of over fifty miles, and finally effect a safe landing at a bar-crossed harbor, is a feat to be indeed wondered at.

A recital of the wrecks along this portion of the Coast in recent years would fill a good sized volume. Experienced coast mariners invariably keep seawards in these waters as the currents are dangerous, and for miles and miles along the coastline, innumerable ugly reefs and bars cause a perilous sailing ground. From the very moment of leaving the wrecked Cleveland, the boats, according to the course they unwittingly took, were in imminent danger of being crushed like egg-shells against some ragged rock or swamped in breakers created by the concealed bars.

A more intimate knowledge of the shoreline would have saved the wave-buffeted sailors hours of anxiety and suffering. Until Rafael Point was reached by the one boat and Hesquoit by the other, no favorable landing place presented itself, although, as before stated, several were available had the crews but known it. The survivors were but the playthings of the waves for a distance of over fifty miles, along the perhaps roughest part of the northern Pacific coast, and in the case of the crew which safely reached Hesquoit harbor, good luck more than management cast the little cockle shell with its helpless load of humanity, into a place of refuge.

THE OWNER ARRIVES.

And Will Proceed to the Wreck at Once on the Steamer "Czar."

Yesterday's direct steamer from San Francisco brought here Mr. T. Tyson, the actual owner of the disabled vessel, accompanied by Captain Metcalf, the surveyor for Lloyds in the Bay City. The mission of these gentlemen, as might reasonably be imagined, is to see what can be done with the wreck, and great was their satisfaction on arriving to learn that those on the scene now anticipate little difficulty in once more floating the ship.

Diver McHardie is understood to have reported that so far as his investigations have disclosed there is nothing to interfere with recovery of the ship by simply filling with cement and pumping her out, it being possible to bring her thus to port, where repairs may be made at convenience. Whether this course will or will not be pursued will depend very much on how things look to the two gentlemen from San Francisco on their arrival at Shelter island whither they go on the tug Czar this morning.

It was originally contemplated to utilize the wrecker Whitelaw, which arrived a few days ago from San Francisco, but international law, it appears, stands in the way of an American wrecker operating to save a wreck entirely in British waters, and it will be impossible to engage the Whitelaw unless permission is obtained from Ottawa direct—which permission is not likely to be granted. The latest advice from the wreck is that seven Indians and one white man have been arrested for looting the stranded steamer, and will be given an immediate trial on board. The majority of the articles missing from the wreck have now been recovered, the work of the police in this matter having been most thorough and expeditious.

CEDAR HILL CONCERT.

St. Luke's Sunday Scholars Entertain a Full House.

The pupils of St. Luke's Sunday school have been preparing for some time for a concert which was given last Thursday evening. Although the weather was not very good there was a well-filled house, which pleased the children. A couple of tableaux, "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and "The Old Woman in a Shoe," were very prettily presented. The recitations were all clearly spoken and well rendered. The songs indicated much care on the part of the teachers. A violin solo given by Miss Eleanor Kanes was well received. Miss Laura Miller presided at the organ.

The programme was as follows: Organ solo, Miss Miller; recitation, Leland Miller; chorus, "The Fox and Grapes"; recitation, Miss Grace Holmes; vocal duet, Miss Nellie and Marion Russell; recitation, Miss Clara Merriman; violin solo, Miss Eleanor Kanes; tableau, Mary's Lamb; chorus, "Puff"; recitation, Miss Mary Holmes; action song, "The Weather"; dialogue, L. Clarke and H. Russell; vocal duet with chorus, "Xmas Boxes," Miss E. Ivine and M. Miller; recitation, Miss M. Russell; tableau, "The Old Woman in a Shoe"; dialogue, "The Months"; chorus, "Good Night."

VOCALIST HONORED.

The Concert Complimentary to Mr. J. G. Brown an Unqualified Success.

The complimentary concert tendered to Mr. J. G. Brown, the popular vocalist, in A.O.U.W. hall last evening was most successful from every point of view. The hall was taxed to its utmost capacity, the numbers on the programme were of a high order of merit and the audience was appreciative and sympathetic throughout.

The concert was graced with the presence of His Honor Lieut.-Governor McInnes, who in a brief address, testified to Mr. Brown's ability and the high esteem in which he is held in both musical and social circles.

A great variety of Christmas cards, booklets and calendars can be seen at Hibben & Co's. x

THERE will be a general rehearsal of both orchestra and chorus for F. Victor Austin's concert of Giorra's Mass for the British Columbia Benevolent Society, in the Pioneer Hall, Broad street, this evening at 7:45 o'clock promptly. All are urgently asked to attend as the time for its production is drawing near.

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NOTICES.

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ASSESSMENT ACT.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City:—At 51 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 10th and Tuesday 11th days of January, 1898, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak, on Friday, the 7th day of January, 1898, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January, 1898 at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday the 8th day of January, 1898, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 31st day of December, 1897, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Cassiar, known as the Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayoquot Land Districts:—At 51 Langley street, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 29th day of December, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 6th day of Dec. 1897.

S. PERRY MILLS.
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

CASSIAR DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that that portion of the Stikine Poling Division of the Cassiar Electoral District, comprised within the undermentioned boundaries, has been created a Mining Division, namely:—

BENNETT LAKE MINING DIVISION.

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of British Columbia intersects the height of land between Lake Teslin and Lake Atlin; thence southwesterly following the height of land to the watershed between Pike Lake and Kateene River; thence southwesterly to a point on the boundary between Alaska and British Columbia, midway between Taku Inlet and Lynn Canal; thence following the said boundary north and west to its intersection with the northern boundary of British Columbia; thence east along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines.
Provincial Secretary's Office,
16th December, 1897. de16

NOTICE.

Owners of Placer claims are invited to send a few ounces of the black or grey sand obtained in washing the gravel for gold to "The Provincial Mineralogist, Bureau of Mines, Victoria," stating the name of the creek from which the sand is taken, and its locality.

It is believed that PLATINUM and perhaps IRIDIUM, are frequently passed over and lost by the prospector, as they have much the appearance of iron in the sand. These minerals are as valuable as gold, the latter more so, and if the placer claim owners will send the black or grey sand as aforesaid it will be assayed and the results given to the owner.

JAMES BAKER,
de14 Minister of Mines.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Winding Up Act, and In the Matter of the Winding Up Amendment Act, 1889, and in the Matter of the "O.K. Gold Mining Company (Foreign)."

The Honorable Mr. Justice Drake has by an order dated the 18th day of October, 1897, appointed Richard Plewman, of Rossland, B.C., to be Official Liquidator of the above named Company.

The creditors of the above named company are required on or before Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1898, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors if any to Richard Plewman of Rossland, B.C, the Official Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Official Liquidator are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims, at the Chamber Court, in the Court House, Victoria, B.C., at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Wednesday the 12th day of January, 1898, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said chambers is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims, and for settling the list of contributories of the said company.

Dated December 8th, A.D. 1897.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
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TIME TABLE No. 29,

To take effect at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4, 1897. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH—READ DOWN.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	9:00	3:00
Ar. Nanaimo	1:15	6 11
Ar. Wellington	12:40	6 30

GOING SOUTH—READ UP.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Ar. Victoria	12:07	7:00
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:51	8:43
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:50	8.30

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" Nanaimo for Comox, Tuesday 7 a.m.
" Comox for Nanaimo, Thursday, 8 a.m.
" Nanaimo for Victoria, Friday, 7 a.m.

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TIME TABLE NO 31.
Takes effect November 18th. 1897.

VANCOUVER ROUTE.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 7 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

Steamships of this Company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports, via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. And for Skidgate on first of each month.

BARCLAY SOUND ROUTE.

Steamer Tees leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound Ports the 15th and 30th of each month.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.

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Licence authorising an Extra-Provincial Company to Carry on Business.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

No. 24-'97.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the Legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at 23 Leadenhall Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at No. 30 Broad Street, Victoria, and Caldwell Ashworth, gentleman and free miner, of same address, is the attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established are—

(*a*) To acquire in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by purchase, lease, concession, exchange or otherwise, mining property, claims, water rights, and also including lands, mines, mining rights and claims, minerals, ores, mills, stamps, smelting and other works for treating ores and minerals and rendering them marketable metals, including also all kinds of building, machinery and plant useful or supposed to be useful in mining, milling, treating or reducing ores or minerals, and any concessions, grants, decrees, claims, rights or privileges whatsoever which may seem to the Company capable of being turned to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same, and to dispose of any such concessions, grants, decrees, claims, or privileges.

(*b*) To carry on all kinds of exploration business and, in particular in relation to mines and minerals, to seek for and secure openings for capital, and with a view to any of the objects aforesaid, to prospect, enquire, examine, explore and test, and to despatch and employ expeditions, commissions, experts or other agents. To establish and carry on general stores and to manufacture, import, export, purchase and sell articles for sale therein in Canada, England or elsewhere, and carry on any works in connection therewith, and to carry on business as traders, merchants, storekeepers, general dealers, brokers, hotel, restaurant, cafe, tavern, beerhouse and refreshment room keepers, licensed victuallers, wine and spirit merchants proprietors of clubs, baths, places of amusement and shops, tobacco and cigar merchants, carriage builders, wheelwrights, horsedealers, newspaper proprietors, booksellers, printers, publishers, stationers, miners, farmers, stockmen, graziers, carriers, builders and contractors, brickmakers and any kindred trade or business which may be conveniently carried on in connection therewith, and all kinds of agency business and any other kind of business which seems calculated directly or indirectly to further the working and development of any concession, rights or property of the Company or otherwise benefit the Company.

(*c*) To carry on all kinds of promotion business and in particular to form, constitute, float, lend money to, assist and control any companies, partnerships, associations, or undertakings whatsoever.

(*d*) To acquire by purchase, lease, license, or otherwise, absolutely or conditionally, the rights, either generally or exclusively, over any area or areas of or in all or any patent rights or processes or mechanical or other contrivances useful or supposed to be useful for any of the purposes of the Company, and to deal with or dispose of the same or any interest therein respectively.

(*e*) To lay out towns, and villages, on the lands acquired or controlled by the Company, and to construct, maintain, alter, make and work railways, tramways, telegraph lines, canals, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, roads, streets, hotels, boarding houses, dwelling houses, factories, shops, stores, gas and water works, piers, wharves, buildings, machinery and other works and appliances of every nature and description, which may be expedient or useful or deemed to be expedient or useful for the purposes of the Company, and to contribute to the cost of making, providing, and carrying on, and working the same.

(*f*) To carry on any business, the carrying on of which the Company may think directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which it is interested.

(*g*) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Company.

(*h*) To prospect, explore, and develop the resources of the said lands and hereditaments by building, planting, clearing, mining, and otherwise dealing with the same, and to stock the same or other lands, to cut and to sell timber, and generally to mine and carry on all sorts of mining operations in the Dominion of Canada, or any other part of the globe.

(*i*) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, settle, improve, colonize, farm, and cultivate lands and hereditaments in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere.

(*j*) To stock the same or other lands, and to breed and deal in all kinds of stock, cattle, sheep and produce.

(*k*) To work and carry on all or any mines, works and properties from time to time in possession of the said Company in such manner as the directors for the time being may determine; to erect all necessary mills and machinery, and appliances, smelting works, laboratories, workshops, dwelling houses and other buildings; construct, maintain, and alter canals, railways, watercourses, tramways, telegraph lines, or any other lines or system of communication whether by telegram, telephone, phonograph, phonophone, or otherwise, by electricity or by pneumatic force or otherwise, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, gas and water works, drainage works, irrigation works, wharves, piers, and other works of every nature and description, purchase, rent, hire, or charter wagons, steam or sailing ships, to enter into and carry out such contracts and arrangements as may be deemed necessary and desirable to enable the Company to carry on its business and for the general conduct and management of its affairs and the doing of all such other things as may be found incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, whether in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or elsewhere.

(*l*) To buy, sell, manufacture and deal in all kinds of goods, stores, implements, provisions, chattels and effects capable of being used or required by the Company or its workmen, or by any other persons who may settle on the property of the Company, or by others, and for that purpose to carry on the business of a general shopkeeper or merchant.

(*m*) To purchase, build, charter, equip, load (either on commission or otherwise), sell, repair, let out to hire and trade with steam or other ships, boats and vessels of all kinds. To carry on the business of carriers by land and water.

(*n*) To acquire by grant, purchase or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any government, British, Colonial or foreign, and to perform and fulfil the terms and conditions.

(*o*) To obtain any act of Parliament or law or order of any Colonial or foreign legislature or government for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect.

(*p*) To promote, form and register other Companies, in England or in any Colony, dependency, foreign country, state or territory, for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company, or for all or any of the objects mentioned in this Memorandum, or for advancing directly or indirectly the objects or interests thereof, and to take or otherwise acquire and to underwrite and hold shares, debentures or other securties in or of any such company, and to guarantee the payment of any debentures or other securities issued by any such company.

(*q*) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds, or other securities of or in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company.

(*r*) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on or about to carry on any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in any such Company. To aid in the establishment and support of associations for the benefit of persons employed by or having dealings with the Company, and in particular friendly societies.

(*s*) To carry on all kinds of financial or banking business, and in particular to negotiate loans and advances, to offer for subscription, place, buy, deal in, make merchantable, sell and dispose of ores, minerals, goods, bullion, specie, and valuables of all kinds, and merchandise generally in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain, or elsewhere, and to receive money on deposit, and to collect revenue of all kinds.

(*t*) To sell the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To distribute any of the property of the Company among the members in specie, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court, where necessary. To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company.

(*u*) To make, accept, endorse and execute, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. To lend money, and in particular to persons having dealing with the Company. To raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future) including its uncalled capital or any specified portion thereof. To guarantee the performance of contracts by members of, or persons having dealings with the Company.

(*v*) To acquire patent rights and privileges in the United Kingdom or any other country or colony or state for any purposes deemed to be useful for the Company, and to resell the same or turn the same to account by manufacturing thereunder, granting licenses or otherwise.

(*w*) To lend money to any company, partnership, person, or association upon security of their or his undertaking, property, estate, assets, and effects, or any part thereof, upon such terms as may be deemed expedient, and to take such security either in the shape of mortgages, mortgage debentures, or in any other form, or to lend money in Canada or Great Britain or elsewhere with or without security. To make donations to such persons and in such cases as may seem expedient, and to subscribe for any purposes, whether charitable or benevolent, or for any public, general, or useful object.

(*x*) To pay the costs, charges, and expenses of, or in connection with the formation and incorporation of the Company, and to remunerate any person or persons for services rendered or to be rendered to the Company, either in cash or in shares of the Company, either wholly or partly paid up.

(*y*) To establish and maintain agencies of this Company in any colony or foreign state, and to procure the Company to be registered or incorporated in any colony or foreign state.

(*z*) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, either alone or in partnership or in conjunction with any person or other association, and either as principals or agents, and including a power to pay brokerage or commission for services rendered in obtaining or guaranteeing or underwriting capital for the Company or otherwise.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
de14 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

No. 11-'97.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"Star Exploring and Mining Company."

Registered the 13th day of December, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Star Exploring and Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897."

The head office of the Company is situated in the City of Terre Haute, State of Indiana, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $50,000, divided into shares of the par value of $1 each.

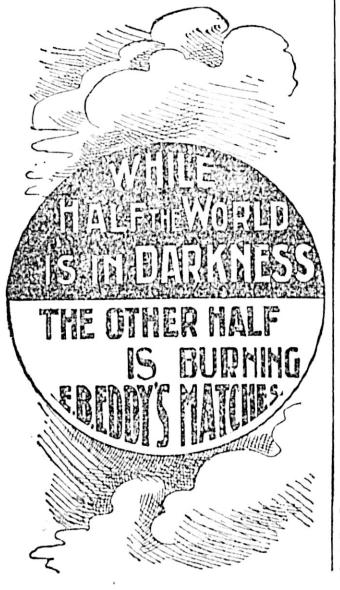
The head office of the Company in this Province is situate in Victoria, and E. E. Wootton, Barrister and Solicitor whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which the Company has been established and registered are: Mining, leasing, buying or selling mineral lands or mining properties, buying or selling mineral ores or mining materials, and the working and operating of mines and the reducing or smelting of ores, and the doing of all that may be necessary to carry on a mining business.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirteenth day of December 1897.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.



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The expedition, which will be accompanied by eighty teams of horses, sleighs, and three trains of dogs, will be in charge of Hon. Edgar Dewdney ex-Minister of the Interior of Canada and ex-Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and will be accompanied by Mr. Caldwell Ashworth, of London, a Director of the Corporation.

The expedition will proceed to Fort Wrangel on its own X 100 A 1 screw ocean steamer "Amur," or by some other suitable vessel, leaving Victoria about the 15th February.

At Wrangel it is proposed to transfer to the Stickeen River and continue the journey on the ice via Stickeen River and the villages of Genora and Telegraph Creek, thence by snow road to Teslin Lake.

At Teslin Lake boats and scows will be built to convey the party and their outfits to Dawson City as soon as the Hootalinqua opens; that is, the expedition will follow the ice down that fine navigable stream, thereby avoiding the dangerous White Horse rapids, and arrive at Dawson City at the earliest possible date thereafter in the spring.

The plan of the Corporation is to provide shelter and good substantial food for the parties accompanying the Expedition from the day they leave Victoria until they reach the destination. While waiting at Teslin Lake for the ice to break up they will have the opportunity of prospecting the very promising ground in that vicinity. The price of the ticket covers transportation, food, shelter and the free carriage of 400 pounds baggage.

Early in January an advance party with horses will be sent up the Stickeen River to build shelters with stoves for cooking and warmth and establish supply depots.

After the Coast Range on the Stickeen River has been passed the expedition will go through a country where the snowfall is generally light and along the greater portion of which a white population has been living for some years.

The Corporation will establish trading posts at Teslin Lake, Dawson City and other Yukon points and will furnish supplies to purchasers at reasonable prices.

The price of a ticket covering the accommodations above mentioned is $500, one-half of which must be paid into the Bank of Montreal at Victoria at the time of signing the contract for transportation, the balance to be paid before the sailing of the steamer from Victoria.

As the number of persons by this route will be limited, applications should be made at once, and to secure a ticket, each applicant must, with his application forward a Post Office order for $20.00 payable to the Bank of Montreal at Victoria.

The Corporation reserves the right to select members of the expedition and will return all payments made to unsuccessful applicants.

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THE SONG OF A SOUL.

A LEGEND OF THE STRING INSTRUMENT FOUNDED ON ERROR.

Mr. Thomas Catgut's Touching Account of His Passion For Miss Pussy Carmine and the Tragedy That Resulted Therefrom. Under the Musician's Touch.

It is known to only a few people that the devil once had a daughter—that was many years ago. The Lord be praised, she lived only a short time. She was cut off in her youth. She came to this world in the guise of a graceful kitten, and I, Mr. Thomas Katgut, was destined to have my fate intermingled with hers.

While strolling along the banks of a pleasant little stream I first met Miss Pussy Carmine, and well was she named. When I gazed into her eyes, they seemed to glow with fire, and when I drew my eyes away they were so dazzled that all around and about me seemed for a moment to be red, and the soft gray fur with which she was covered seemed to be tipped with scarlet.

Despite the fact that my entire heart went out to her in adoration at first sight, I could not but be conscious of a strange and unusual feeling which I could not localize. It seemed to draw and strain until it fairly ached, but I could not place it. It was not my heart, nor yet my liver, and it seemed to be far from my head. This meeting was but the first of many. Night after night we met, but in the midst of transports of joy and ecstasies of bliss which these meetings brought to me I always continued to experience the indescribable feeling, vague, unapproachable, yet always there when in her presence.

One night I felt that I could no longer contain my feelings, so, on the banks of the river, on the very spot where first we met, I told her of my love. And, oh, the effect! Fire seemed to flash from her eyes and mouth and each undivided hair on her body was aflame. All the devil in her seemed to be let loose. Before my astonishment gave me a chance to act she leaped upon me and began to scratch and tear and gnaw and bite. And in the midst of all the horror and pain of it came that same indescribable feeling in the undiscovered place.

I was perfectly powerless to resist her murderous attacks, and any efforts on my part would have been useless, for I felt that my hour had come. Without pausing, she continued to scratch and tear at me until finally, feeling that I was in the act of taking my last breath, I opened my eyes to cast a last look upon this sad but beautiful world. Just then Miss Pussy seemed to have exhausted her vitality, for she fell back dying even as my last fluttering breath issued from my lips. And then my soul left its earthly dwelling place, and, hovering above, looked down on the scene of the late tragedy.

"Horribile dictu!" My own body lay there lacerated and torn, but the body of the devil's daughter had vanished into space.

Eager as I was to soar away to a better land, I could not tear myself from the spot, but lingered around my poor body in the hope that some kind mortal would find it and give it decent burial. But alas for all my hopes! At early dawn a strange looking man, tall and lean, with long hair and bony, slender fingers, came wandering toward our late trysting place. Suddenly he saw my body, and a trembling took possession of him, which he soon controlled, and lifting me gently by the tail, carried me for some distance until we came to a little house in the woods which seemed to be his own. My soul followed through space, eager to see what was to become of my body. This awful man, who, it seemed, was the commander in chief of an army organized for the advancement of music, took up a murderous looking knife and deliberately cut my poor body into bits. He cut in deep until he reached my very vitals, and as the knife touched these my soul gave a long, quivering but satisfied sigh, for he had touched the spot which had always responded to Miss Pussy's presence, and which, while I had lived, had always eluded my detection. He took up my vitals and cut them into narrow strips and strung them across the window to dry. Though my body and soul were really separated, so sensitive was my soul to any touch to these parts that each time a breeze swept across them my soul could not resist a cry.

These cries seemed to please the musician so much that he nearly went wild with excess of feeling. He manipulated the strings—which were my vitals—in all sorts of ways, and finally drew them taut over a peculiar piece of glazed wood and over this drew a rod in measured time. My soul moaned and sighed at each touch, but the musician seemed to know how to modulate and moderate my cries and at the same time to mingle with my tones others of such sweetness and pathos that the combined effect was heavenly and grand.

And thus it is that my soul has never found a final resting place, for mingled with my sad tones are ever those sweet and glorious ones, harmoniously intermingled, making music which binds me to earth, holding me back even from heavenly joys.

Explanation.—This is not a true story. Cats have always been known to be sly and deceitful, and Mr. Thomas Katgut, whose soul tells this story, is no exception to the rule. In proof of this statement I call your attention to the definition of the word catgut in most dictionaries, which will be found about as follows:

"Catgut—The name given to material of which the strings of musical instruments are formed. It is made from the intestines of the sheep and sometimes from those of the horse, but never from those of a cat."—Anna Lewi in New York Times.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Leonard Pusey Appointed to Fill the Position of City Streets Superintendent.

The Mayor Refers Feelingly to the Death of Ald. Harrison—Braden Will Sue.

There were no absentees at last night's meeting of the city council, when the most important business presenting itself was the appointment of a street superintendent, Mr. Leonard Pusey being chosen on a majority of one over Mr. John Haggarty.

Mr. Braden wrote a strong letter denouncing the action of the council in not investigating certain charges he had made against the health officer, and threatening suit if the matter was not immediately settled.

After the minutes had been duly approved, Mayor Redfern announced that owing to the death of Ald. Harrison, a vacancy had been created in the council board; he did not, however, think it would be necessary to fill this at present as the annual elections were so close at hand. He paid a high tribute to the ability of the late alderman, and stated that his services had resulted in much good to the city government.

A communication was read from A. J. Dallain, president of the S. P. C. A., relating to the practice of lassoing dogs, which the society claims is an exceedingly cruel one. The matter was referred to the Mayor and pound committee.

Messrs. Crease & Crease, acting for Charles T. Dupont, put in a claim for damages done a building on Fisgard street, which they state had been torn down as unsanitary without proper authority. The matter was referred to the city solicitor and sanitary officer.

Mr. W. H. Braden wrote stating that as he understood the council refused to investigate certain charges he had made against the health officer, he would have the matter ventilated in the courts. If the council still refused to grant an investigation they need not take any further notice of his claim for $75.00, and he will sue for being detained sixteen days from his business; also for goods destroyed by fire and fumigation. He would also claim damages for the detention of his nurse for sixteen days. Mr. Braden further says in his letter that his nurse was taken away from his children without his consent, "after an agreement with your health officer that he should stay with them, who had no intention of allowing him to remain at any time, as his (the health officer's) conduct and lying has shown." Mr. Braden continues that notwithstanding the disease, his blankets were returned to him although he had been told by Dr. Fraser that they should have been destroyed by fire. He concludes:

"I will without further delay see this to the end, as I will stand no more fooling." The letter was received and filed.

A communication was received recommending the son of the late Mr. Jewell for the vacancy of light trimmer caused by the latter's death. While the Mayor and majority agreed that the appointment would be a good one, it was decided to proceed in the matter on the usual lines. A letter from the superintendent of the Electric Light Co. recommending James Cummings for the vacancy was also laid on the table.

A petition signed by George Gillespie, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, and others protesting against the proposed raising of Government street between Fort and Broughton streets was presented. After considerable discussion the matter was referred to the Mayor and street commissioner.

The city clerk of Vancouver wrote stating that a leper had been sent to Darcy island and requested that the city would take charge of him at the island according to the usual arrangement between the two cities. The health officer will attend to the matter.

Frank Armstrong asked for a further extension of the Michigan street sewer. The sewerage committee will deal with the matter.

The Mayor announced that he had made the usual donation of $25 each to the following institutions: St. Joseph Hospital, the Maternity Home, Rescue Home, Protestant Orphan Home, St. Ann's Convent and the British Columbia Benevolent Society.

The street committee recommended that A. R. Shird be paid $2 for work done on the street, but did not think he was entitled to $25 claimed as damages. The report was adopted.

When the matter of the appointment of a street superintendent came up considerable discussion arose as to whether all the applicants should be considered in the new ballot. City Solicitor Mason gave it as his opinion that all the applicants should be considered in the ballot. Upon the matter being put to a vote of the council it was decided to give a fresh ballot for all the applicants. The result of the ballot gave Leonard Pusey five votes against four obtained by Mr. Haggarty, and the former was declared elected by the Mayor to the position of street superintendent.

The Mayor's resolution regarding the appointment of returning officers, etc., already, published, was adopted after considerable discussion.

TRY, TRY AGAIN.

The Young Man "Tuttle" Evidences a Disposition to Live Up to the Time-Honored Motto.

"Allen G. Tuttle," who was foiled in his attempt to pass a worthless cheque on Messrs. W. & J. Wilson last Saturday, continued his operations in the evening, and with brilliant success. He visited Mr. Geo. R. Jackson's merchant tailoring establishment on Government street, and after purchasing several dollars' worth of goods presented a check for $20 in payment, purporting to be signed by A. W. More, as in the case of the Messrs. Wilson. The signature of Mr. More was a splendid imitation and the check was taken without suspicion, more particularly as "Tuttle," produced a life insurance policy, bearing his name, for the purpose of identification. Securing the goods the forger coolly left the store, and it was not until late yesterday afternoon that Mr. Jackson was aware that he had been victimized. The check was sent to the bank and was returned marked "no account." Further inquiry revealed that the paper was a clever forgery.

The city police were immediately notified, but it is thought Tuttle left the city Sunday evening. A man suppose to be the forger was apprehended Saturday evening, but when he was brought to Messrs. W. & J. Wilson's store it was found that he did not tally with the description of the man required, and he was permitted to go. The full extent of "Tuttle's" operations in this city are not yet known. Every effort is being made by the police to secure him, and if he has not left town he will no doubt soon be in the toils, as an accurate description has been furnished by Mr. Jackson.

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THE THERMOMETER.

ESQUIMALT STATION, Dec. 19, 1897.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	35°	Mean 36°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	34°		
9 a.m..	35°	Highest 38	5 a.m.—Calm.
1 p.m..	37°		1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m..	37°	Lowest 34°	9 p.m.—8 N.
9 p.m..	36°		Rain—.13. Cloudy. No Sun.

Barometer 9 a.m... Observed ..... 30.310 Reduced 30.290

ESQUIMALT STATION, Dec. 20, 1897.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	37°	Mean 37°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	37°		5 a.m.—4 N.E.
9 a.m..	37°	Highest 40°	1 p.m.—4 N.
1 p.m..	39°		9 p.m.—4 N.
5 p.m..	38°	Lowest 36°	Rain—.03. Cloudy. No sun.
9 p.m..	37°		

Barometer 9 m.... Observed..... 30.364 Reduced 30.343

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Per Str. PRINCESS LOUISE from Westminster—Mr and Mrs H Colbeck, F V Hall and wife, R H Hall, A Cooness, O Heck, J Chase, J Mason, C J McLennan, W E Losee, C Seymour, J Sproat, F Cawley, J Richardson, E M Shaw, D Martin, R H Basset, J Young, C Young and R Lewis.

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LAING—READ—On the 20th inst., at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, assisted by the Rev. Canon Beanlands, John William Laing, M.A., Christ Church, Oxford, to Ethel May, third daughter of the late John Brackenridge Read, barrister at law, of Toronto.

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WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

Alleged Land Grant Scandal Effectually Disposed of by Mr. Cobeldick.

Another Protest Against Removal of Trees from the Government Grounds.

TO THE EDITOR:—I send herewith a duplicate of a communication to your contemporary, the Victoria Daily Times. It would serve the interests of truth to let it also appear in your next issue and thereby reach probably a different class of readers. There was no fact or circumstance in the case that could have honestly justified such an insinuation. There were people accessible to your contemporary's management who were familiar with the facts that could have saved it from being the (unintended) mouthpiece of such a one-horse thing as, by a tremendous stretch of journalistic courtesy, they styled "A contemporary." JOHN COBELDICK.

Victoria, Dec. 20, 1897.

To the Editor of the Victoria Daily Times:

SIR:—In your issue of December 15 you published a communication purporting to have emanated in a newspaper called the "B. C. Mining Critic," insinuating improper conduct on the part of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in relation to the piece of land on Frederick Arm. There is no justification for the insinuation, there being no fact or circumstance in the case that could have been honestly construed to justify such a mistake. The facts are as follows:

Early in January, 1897, I purchased certain mineral properties at a very considerable sum, paying cash for the same, the parties coming to Vancouver, where the settlement took place. While doing the prospecting and sampling work on these properties I discovered that Estro Basin—which was supposed to be the outlet for the ore therefrom—froze over in winter, rendering it useless for shipment of the ore, and also revealing the necessity for an outlet on salt water direct. On March the 5th of this year, I wrote the honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works a letter, of which the following is a copy:

"March 5, 1897.

"*The Honorable G. B. Martin, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.*

"SIR:—I have purchased and paid in cash, for two mining properties situate at about 3½ miles from the head of Frederick Arm. There is a very large lode on the property yielding smelting copper ore. I am ready to begin the developmental work. Provision must be made, in laying out the works, for handling and shipping an ultimate output of 1,000 tons per day, which cannot be done unless ample space is provided on deep salt water on Frederick Arm, for wharfage, ore pockets, depot, stores, etc., for shipping that tonnage.

"I wish to purchase 160 acres of third class land for that purpose, as colored pink on the annexed plan. I observe that for six miles square the land is marked as reserved. If that reservation be so maintained as to prevent the sale to me of the needful space, it will prevent me from working the property.

"Cannot this 160 acres be exempted from this reservation? I very much desire this sale to go through without delay, so that I may make the necessary arrangements and plans before I go to London on the business. Yours truly,

JOHN COBELDICK."

To that letter I received a reply, of which the following is a copy:

"1315, '97.

"VICTORIA, March 5, 1897.

"SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of even date, asking if you can purchase 160 acres of land at the head of Frekerick arm.

"In reply, I beg to say that the parcel of land you desire is—as I gather from your letter you are aware—a portion of a government reserve which is not open to sale or settlement, consequently I regret that your application cannot be entertained. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

"G. B. MARTIN,
"Chief Commissioner Lands and Works."

That began and ended all my correspondence with the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works upon the business, and from that time he had no distinctive voice or directing power in the matter, as the following correspondence will show.

Soon after this time parliament assembled, and the fact appeared to have become generally known that opposition existed in the Lands and Works Department to the placing at my company's services the land deemed by them to be necessary for the development and working of their property. I was advised by various persons to again apply to the Lands and Works Department. This was done in a letter, of which the following is a copy:

"VICTORIA, April 2, 1897.

"*The Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works, Victoria:*

"DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to apply, under section 37 of the Consolidated Land Act, Chap. 65 (1888), for one quarter section of land situated on the shore line at the northwest head of Frederick Arm—more particularly shown on the annexed plan, and colored pink thereon. This land is required for use in erecting ore bins, shipping wharves concentrating plant, and other needful structures and works, for operating the mines and marketing the output therefrom.

"In so far as it applies to this particular area of one quarter section, I respectfully ask that the government reserve be cancelled on the following grounds, viz.: Mineral locations and some of apparent great value—have been made at a distance inland from this point. I have purchased for cash—and completed the purchase—certain of these locations. I have also expended a large sum upon and for testing the property, which together with the purchase money amounts to a very considerable sum. It is not possible to work these properties and advantageously market the produce without adequate shipping accommodations, and this is the best and most suitable spot for that purpose.

"It will be increasedly difficult to attract capital to open, equip and work these mines on a comprehensive scale if waterside ground of small extent only be held with the minerals; because the formation and ore body being large, the daily output from the mine must be great also in order to work with efficient economy.

"I have the honor therefore to submit for the consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council the desirability of cancelling the reserve upon this particular quarter section, in order to permit the development of these purchased mines to proceed, thereby increasing the evidence of the value and extent of the mineral resources of the country, and augmenting the value of the adjacent public lands.

"I should be obliged if you would bring this matter before his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council, at the earliest possible date. Any further evidence as to the necessity for cancelling the reserve I should be happy to produce if required. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN COBELDICK."

At the time that the letter of April the 2nd was written a very strong feeling had arisen on both sides of the house, and also among commercial and business men in Victoria city, that a wrong was being done by the lands and works department in not liberating this reserved land for the purposes then well known to a great number of persons. Amongst other persons who interested themselves in the matter were persons prominently associated with the British Pacific Railway Company's charter. This brought about a meeting between the engineer of that company and myself, to see how my plans could be made to work without interference with the original survey plans for that railway. This being provided for, the parties connected with that enterprise expressed their concurrence in the sale to me, and accordingly, in due course, a notice appeared in the British Columbia Gazette, dated the 7th day of April, 1897, upon the matter.

In conclusion, let me say, that this business was not done in a hole or corner; that there was nothing improper; nothing was due to the favor or friendship of any member of the executive council; all that was done, was done upon the concurrent opinion expressed by a great number of persons, that it was necessary, for the development of these mineral properties, to comply with my request. What little the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works did in the matter was (in my opinion) done under the pressure of such public sentiment, as he was not able to safely ignore.

The other observations relating to "residence at Kamloops," "favoritism" and matters of that sort, I do not understand, or take the trouble to reply to. I am a stranger in the province representing people whose intention is to establish industries, for the investment of English capital. What I do, I do with a view to that end only, and must be allowed to know what territorial adjuncts are needful to give said industries a fair chance of success, and not this particular property alone, for it is intended that the dock and wharves proposed to be erected on the ground in question, shall accommodate the whole of the output or ore from that district. This very promising property cannot be operated without complete dock frontage to salt water. If this land could not have been had then that mineral property could not be developed. JOHN COBELDICK.

Victoria Dec. 20, 1897.

GOVERNMENT GROUNDS TREES.

TO THE EDITOR:—I see by the letters of Messrs. Sorby and Rattenbury, that the cutting down of the trees in the Government grounds, is awakening the citizens to somewhat realize what a ruthless vandal act such needless destruction is. The letters of those gentlemen, while very creditable to them, and a pleasure to others to think that they, who in their profession are certainly of light and leading, are no parties to this destruction, only shift the burden on to others and do not help matters in any way. In the present instance every one of those trees could have been transplanted. If they were not wanted where they were, there is a large portion of the grounds facing Menzies street that would be vastly improved by just what has now been so needlessly destroyed. There is no difficulty in moving trees very much larger than those cut down, if it is gone about in a workmanlike manner.

One can well imagine the shade of the immortal Douglas stalking through the grounds with sadness and rage in his heart, thinking of the days when he would have made short work of such folly. Trees planted evidently by those who had a better eye for effect than seems to obtain at the present time saying with a sigh,

Oh! woodman spare that tree.
Touch not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me
I pray you spare it now.

The fact is that here in Victoria there is no good public sentiment in this matter, either in private or municipal affairs. We had some years ago a few nice maples in front of the city hall doing well until one day the aldermen thought they would put down an asphalt sidewalk there. It never occurred to them that there was a possibility of putting a curb around trees. Oh no! get the axe, that will put them out of the way forever. In all communities that are alive to the needs of a city, there is every effort made to encourage citizens to plant trees. In Vancouver there are certain privileges granted to such as plant trees on the roadside, and the city undertakes to protect them. Here in Victoria one must, forsooth, petition the council for permission to do so. And there are wiseacres who would cut down the "bonny broom" on a country road, and who take all and every opportunity to cut down such trees as they can lay their hands on, and who did all they knew how two years ago, by their absurd regulations about the water, to ruin half the lawns in and around the city. It is like the old proverb, "The Lord sends the meat, but the devil sends the cooks." Nature has done all she can for Victoria, but the evil spirit of "How not to do it" does its best, or worst, to annul all efforts to beautify and adorn that which she has so bountifully given.

PROTOS MECANICOS.

A VANCOUVER ACCIDENT.

Samuel Carter Falls from a Building With Fatal Results—Westminster Official Dead.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Samuel Carter, jr., fell from a building he was working upon on Thursday last and died on Sunday from the effects of his injuries. Mr. Carter came from St. Catharines, Ont., to Vancouver about ten years ago. He leaves a wife and two children.

Frank Forrest, in the service of Westminster city since its incorporation, died yesterday after a long illness.

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ELECTION CARDS.

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—At the request of a number of citizens I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the election to be held next January, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

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THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as candidate for Mayor at the ensuing Municipal Election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I now most respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election

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